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THE COVER: The request for bids for building Rutherford County a courthouse that appeared in the Nashville Whig, November 25, 1812, was most intriguing. So much so that the idea was suggested that an architectural rendering of the proposed building be attempted. In cooperation with the Historical Society, Mr. Charles Pigg, Plant Planner for Middle Tennessee State University, contacted Yearwood and Johnson, Nashville architects. The firm was amenable to the project and assigned Mr. John E. Suter, a longtime draftsman of the firm, to the job. The sketch on the cover is the result of Mr. Suter's efforts. A re-reading of the specifications printed in "Publication No. 1" will bear out the faithful and imaginative adherence to the Whig's descriptive notice of 1812.

Was the building ever constructed? If Goodspeed is accepted as the authority, it was not. Yet Goodspeed has perpetuated many errors and contradictions in light of later research. If it were not built--possibly because of the cost--Rutherford County made its initial salute to conservatism and frontier economy. If it were built, the loafers and hallway philosophers were in first class quarters.

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FOREWORD

There seems to be a semblance of permanency in a bound document that has an identifying cover. With this in mind the Society hopes to preserve some of the rich historical heritage that abounds in the county. This, therefore, is the principal purpose of this publication and the one that preceded it. Hopefully, there will be others.

The resources of the Society do not permit technical preparation of successive volumes by a professional printer. However, mimeographed material locked in by a printed cover will serve the purpose--at least for the time being.

All members of the Society will receive a copy of the publication, and those that follow, as a part of the membership dues. Revenue derived from the sale of extra copies will provide some assurance of the continuity of the publications.

We express our thanks to those who have purchased one or more copies of this issue. Your assistance will enable us to continue our project.

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RECORD OF MARRIAGES IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY

Prepared by Henry G. Wray, Rutherford County Archivist

1854

Adkerson, John J. & Sarah Sneed	Jan. 20
Allen, Valentine S. & Nancy A. Ridley	Aug. 31
Arnett, Samuel & Sarah Stone	Jan. 21
Arnold, Alexander & Eliz. Knox	Aug. 10
Arnold, Granville & Eliz. J. Revis	Jan. 24
Barnes, Elizabeth & Mary Mitchell	Sept. 22
Barnes, Geo. A. & Lucretia Bottom	March 8
Baugh, Joseph L. & Anna Butterworth	Oct. 11
Bell, Robert F. & Susan E. Neal	Sept. 30
Brantly, E. L. & Mary E. McKnight	Oct. 9
Brewer, Thomas & Eliz. Stephens	May 1
Bright, Robert S. & Lavina Kerby	Nov. 4
Brinkley, James & Sarah Auberry	Oct. 5
Brittain, Pleasant H. & Sarah A. Neal	March 11
Brittain, Wm. W. & Sarah H. N. Blair	Oct. 23
Brown, Archibald S. & Mary Sparks	Dec. 27
Brown, Henry & Isora H. Walden	June 19
Brown, Smauel M. & Amanda E. Taylor	Aug. 21
Brookshire, Nathaniel & Nancy E. Brown	Jan. 4
Brothers, Benj. & Susan Elliott	Jan. 19
Buchanan, Alexander B. & Louisa A. Buchanan	July 17
Burkett, Wm. H. & Nancy D. Walden	June 21
Burnett, John W. & Martha A. McKee	Aug. 29
Bynum, Geo. & Lucy Ann Eaks	Aug. 25
Carothers, Robert B. & Martha Fletcher	May 3
Caruthers, John F. & Mary J. Puckett	April 1
Clark, A. W. B. & Eliz. J. Smith	Dec. 7
Clark, Joseph & Louisa Ellis	Sept. 6
Cobb, Reuben W. & Sarah G. Arnold	Sept. 11
Coleman, John & Sarah J. Pope	June 14
Coleman, Wm. F. T. & Judith A. Miller	May 25
Collins, James & Eveline Nickins	Sept. 13
Covington, Larkin A. & Emely E. Covington	Nov. 21
Crick, Merriman & Virginia C. Winsett	Nov. 14
Curlee, Thomas G. & Mary S. McKnight	Nov. 7
Curtis, Wm. D. & Mary Barnes	April 22
Daniel, Henry T. & Martha M. Brown	Dec. 11
Daniel, Icabud & Judith B. Daniel	May 4
Davis, Wm. K. & Mary E. Allen	Jan. 17
Edwards, Wm. & Mary J. Fleming	May 18
Elder, James G. & Susan C. Harris	Sept. 5
Farmer, E. J. & Mary E. Hicks	Oct. 2
Farmer, George J. & Harriett R. Woodfin	May 4
Felts, Richard & Mary Sherron	Oct. 14
Fletcher, James M. & Susannah Jeans	Dec. 23

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Floyd, Joshua A. & Mary J. Jones	Aug. 28
Fowler, John G. & Amanda Tucker	Dec. 11
Fox, Isaac W. & Eliz. Major	Aug. 15
Frizzell, John & Matilda Winford	July 22
Garrett, Thomas & Lucinda C. Arnold	Feb. 1
Gaskey, Garrett D. & Frances A. A. Hooper	Jan. 12
Hallyburton, James O. & Nancy Clemons	Sept. 11
Harrell, Franklin & Sarah Burks	March 21
Harrison, Lewis & Rebecca B. Loyd	June 1
Harrison, Wm. C. & Martha J. Davis	Sept. 4
Hayes, John & Eliz. W. Smith	April 19
Helton, Anderson P. & Mary M. Arnett	Aug. 17
Hicks, Henry H. & Mary W. Ward	Nov. 3
Hill, Charles J. & Mary M. Todd	July 26
Holden, James P. & Mary J. Read	Aug. 26
Holt, John H. & Rebecca S. Smotherman	Jan. 5
Hyde, Hartwell B. & Malissa A. Morton	Dec. 5
Jarratt, Alexander W. & Eliz. M. Fleming	Dec. 30
Jarratt, Levi D. & Susan Brown	Jan. 16
Jenkins, Nimrod & Jane W. Moore	Jan. 18
Jetton, John B. & Margaret J. Warren	Dec. 21
Johnson, C. M. & Mary C. Davis	Oct. 19
Johnson, Edward & Nancy J. Brown	Oct. 9
Jones, John & Eliza L. Booker	May 12
Jones, Richard H. & Martha J. Patterson	Nov. 27
Landrum, John & Peney Winsett	Nov. 2
Lannon, Wm. A. & Rachel W. Thorn	Jan. 3
Layne, Robert & Flora McRae	Nov. 1
Lee, Robert A. & Mary T. Nance	Aug. 29
Lewis, Benj. & Martha A. E. Watson	Jan. 6
Logan, Samuel F. & C. Virginia Welch	Dec. 5
Lowe, Walter & Martha S. Kelton	Sept. 13
Mangrum, Jesse & Louisa Vaughn	Sept. 13
Maddox, Thomas F. & Amanda L. Nance	Sept. 16
Mangrum, Jesse & Mary Jackson	Oct. 28
Mason, Martin S. & Nannetta S. Hamilton	Jan. 17
Mathis, Wm. T. & Susanah Wade	Oct. 5
Merritt, George R. & Nancy M. Allen	July 3
Mitchell, Wm. & Maryann Higgenbotham	Aug. 27
Moore, Leroy & Mary Armstrong	Dec. 11
Moore, Leroy & Rebecca Trolander	Oct. 3
Morris, Joseph & Mary J. Vaughan	Nov. 20
Morton, John W. & Lillian E. C. Glass	Nov. 17
Mullins, Andrew J. & Mary A. Shannon	Dec. 5
Myrick, Alvis & Nancy Jones	Sept. 11
McCoy, James P. & Sarah J. Yews	Nov. 15
McFarlin, John A. & Nancy E. Nichols	Nov. 6
McGinnis, Joseph & Catharine Read	Feb. 1
MacGowen, Geo. W. & Catura J. White	Jan. 18
McGowan, Isaac W. & Nancy Harris	April 29
McGrigor, Clinton & Mary V. Reece	Dec. 30
McGuire, Thomas J. & Martha J. Ferris	Dec. 25

McKee, James & Sarah Vaughan	Oct. 31
McRea, Thomas R. & Martha J. Fleming	Dec. 23
Nations, Christopher & Jane Adams	Jan. 10
Norman, Granville L. & Catharine E. Gowen	Nov. 23
Orr, Wm. C. & Temperance Miller	Jan. 5
Overall, Perilous N. & Louisa M. Kerby	Oct. 19
Palmer, Joseph B. & Ophelia M. Burris	Feb. 14
Parker, Isaac P. & Margaret J. Mullins	July 19
Parsley, James J. & Martha E. V. T. Mathews	Dec. 18
Partee, Rodolphus G. & Polemna T. Miles	Feb. 13
Patton, Samuel M. & Nancy J. McCloud	Oct. 18
Perryman, Wm. F. & Susan C. Sewell	Aug. 16
Posey, Wm. S. & Mary J. Anderson	Nov. 9
Prater, Philip J. & Isabella Kelton	Sept. 4
Quigley, James P. & Mary E. Hall	March 23
Randolph, Wm. W. & Mary A. Morton	July 25
Rankin, Franklin W. & Martha P. McKnight	Nov. 15
Ransom, Robert N. & Isabella S. Huggins	Dec. 13
Reed, Marvin & Julia E. Brown	Feb. 28
Ring, Joseph F. & Levetha Burks	Nov. 6
Rion, Thomas D. & Nancy A. Jones	Jan. 4
Sage, Wm. F. & Corinda A. Felts	March 1
Sanders, John C. & Sophia W. Wasson	May 24
Sanders, Samuel R. & Henrietta S. Thompson	Jan. 3
Shuttlesworth, Wlizabeth M. & Martha E. Jamison	Dec. 20
Smith, James A. & Rebecca J. Taylor	June 29
Smith, John B. & Missouri O. T. A. Pogue	March 2
Smith, Josiah L. & Ann M. Smith	May 2
Smotherman, Joseph & Mary A. Smotherman	Sept. 11
Sneed, John W. & Miss A. L. C. Farmer	March 9
Snell, James C. & Malissa J. Kirk	Nov. 2
Spann, Richard H. & Eliz. Murphey	March 6
Spann, Wm. R. & Rebecca Hays	Oct. 25
Sugg, Wm. & Delitha Smothers	April 12
Summers, John W. & Laura A. Kerby	Jan. 5
Swan, Lunsford Y. & Harriett C. Elliott	Feb. 8
Talbert, Wm. T. & Martha E. Read	July 30
Tappan, James C. & Mary E. Anderson	June 26
Tatum, Wm. M. & Rebecca E. Swan	June 2
Taylor, John H. & Sarah V. Dove	Aug. 10
Thewer, Reese & Dovy Auberry	Sept. 20
Thweatt, Joseph O. & Eliz. Welch	Jan. 17
Thomas, Stephen & Eliz. Naron	Sept. 16
Thompson, Albert C. & Eliz. C. Northcott	Feb. 11
Thompson, George W. & Eliz. R. Sanford	March 7
Walton, Willis R. & Mary P. Ellis	Feb. 28
Ward, Benj. F. & Evelina Hicks	Sept. 13
Ward, James R. & Jane A. Baird	Dec. 19
Ward, John P. & Ailev F. Walpole	Feb. 14
Ward, Milton Y. & Caroline Ward	June 20
Ward, Rafor C. & Melissa M. Bone	Nov. 28
Warren, Robert & Eliz. K. Snell	Nov. 27
Williams, Wm. M. & Lucinda Covington	Jan. 16
Wilson, James T. & Martha Lane	Sept. 27

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Winn, E. P. & Lucy Bellenfant	Aug. 11
Wood, Andrew J. & Lodica Tucker	Dec. 21
Wood, Joseph & Susan C. Wood	Jan. 9
Wood, Obediah & Caroline M. Lane	April 8
Yearwood, Jacob S. & Martha J. Yearwood	Jan. 13

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Abernathy, Jesse J. & Susan E. Williams	Jan. 16
Alexander, Henry V. & Sarah J. Holden	Sept. 30
Anderson, Charles & Martha J. Burge	Sept. 22
Batey, David & Mary P. Hallyburton	Feb. 12
Bell, Noah C. & Martha A. Oliphint	June 18
Benson, John W. & Eliz. A. Mitchell	Feb. 21
Blakemore, Wm. H. & Mary E. Ridley	May 8
Blake, John R. & Josephine Murphey	Feb. 19
Booker, Geo. W. & Catharine L. Dill	Oct. 11
Boring, Sterling B. & Eliz. Edwards	Nov. 21
Bowen, John A. & Juliann L. Bowman	May 10
Boyce, Joseph A. & Louisa F. Dunn	Jan. 18
Boyd, Wm. B. & Narcissa Dill	Sept. 18
Bradford, Wm. & Pamela Spain	March 27
Brothers, Jesse & Susan Ann Powell	Sept. 1
Brown, Wm. D. & Mundora Rucker	May 9
Bruce, Wm. M. & Nancy C. Smith	Feb. 3
Bryant, Wm. F. & Margaret Johnson (col.)	March 21
Burton, Thomas & Martha Batey	Nov. 22
Caffy, James N. & Mary H. Youree	Dec. 20
Christopher, Martin A. & Rhoda A. Threat	Feb. 12
Chumbly, David A. & Frances Staton	June 2
Craig, F. D. & Roxannah S. Fletcher	May 13
Crockett, Wm. M. & Sallie C. Hollowell	Oct. 17
Daniel, James M. & Martha D. Clement	March 12
Daniel, Lucious & America W. Hughes	June 19
Davis, Able & Eliz. Johnson	Aug. 30
Dement, Wilson Y. & Mary B. Harrison	Dec. 6
Dillion, James A. & Nancy J. Johnson	Nov. 24
Douglas, Thomas & Sarah Williford	Feb. 12
Drake, Francis M. & Martha A. Walker	Nov. 25
Edwards, Isaac S. & Sarah A. E. Pully	Dec. 4
Elam, Daniel F. & Ellen P. Crawford	June 24
Embry, Edmund & Martha Rouse (col.)	Sept. 14
Evans, William & Mary Percy	June 5
Ewing, Josiah W. & Ada Byron Hord	Nov. 21
Farmer, James A. & Nancy J. Runnells	Feb. 1
Fletcher, James F. & Mary Moore	Oct. 9
Fox, Wm. H. & Jane E. Prewitt	March 29
Frost, John W. & Susan M. Rather	Oct. 23
Gilmore, Wm. M. & Eliz. C. Naylor	Dec. 19
Glymp, George W. & Lucinda Ryon	Jan. 15
Gordon, Wm. & Mary Jane Thompson	July 19
Gotcher, Henry P. & Julia G. Anderson	Jan. 8

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Grant, James T. & Martha A. Hill	Nov. 24
Hale, Joseph P. & Eliz. C. Vaughan	Dec. 14
Hall, Wm. J. & Susan Gambill	Oct. 20
Harney, Andrew T. & Susanah T. McCrary	Dec. 26
Harney, George W. & Jane J. M. Witherspoon	Dec. 22
Harris, James R. & Tennessee A. Crutcher	April 10
Henley, Richard L. & Lucretia Henry	Aug. 30
Herrod, Rubin & Mary A. Brinkley	July 19
Herrall, Calvin C. & Nancy Brown	Jan. 5
Herrell, John T. & Martha J. Sherrell	July
Hibbett, James R. & Isabella W. Burnett	Jan. 1
Higgenbotham, John & Martha Renshaw	Jan. 30
Hightower, W. W. & Armilda D. Blanton	Oct. 23
Hoover, Byron & Euphemia E. Hodge	Sept. 19
Hoover, Daniel D. & Mary E. Burks	Sept. 19
Hoover, Joab & Eliz. Prewitt	Jan. 10
Huggins, Camillus B. & Sallie E. Ridley	Jan. 3
Hutcherson, Jos. & Martha Ann Horton	Dec. 19
Isham, Absalom & Martha Winfrey	March 5
Jackson, John C. & Mary J. Covington	Dec. 19
Jacobs, Stokely & Susan Anglin	Dec. 5
Jacobs, Thomas H. & Margaret S. Parker	Oct. 7
James, John W. & Mary J. Vaught	June 13
Jetton, John H. & Isabella Mason	Feb. 20
Jones, Geo. L. & Emily Owen	Jan. 18
Jones, Wm. E. & Eliz. Wade	Sept. 5
Jordan, James F. & Eliza G. Spain	Jan. 10
Kerby, Christopher A. & Mary B. Vaughan	Jan. 23
Kirk, Alexander M. & Sarah A. Brothers	Nov. 27
Lawrence, John B. & Roberta S. Mason	Oct. 10
Lawrence, Munroe & Parthenia E. Jones	May 10
Lovin, Hugh F. & Angline Evans	Sept. 24
Lowe, Milton M. & Mary A. Patton	Jan. 9
Lyon, Elijah & Mary J. McCrary	March 27
Mankin, James A. & Susan C. Pinkard	Jan. 16
Miller, Mathew C. & Zilphia C. Johnson	Sept. 3
Miller, M. C. & Harriett C. Tucker	Nov. 13
Miller, Henry & Mary J. Cobb	Oct. 10
Mitchell, Calvin G. & Mary O. Gannaway	Oct. 2
Moore, Thomas Y. & Lavinia Anglin	March 8
Morton, Robert H. & Frances McCoy	Feb. 9
Mosely, Henry & Holly Robertson	Dec. 19
Murphey, James P. & Mary E. T. Wood	Aug. 6
McBroom, Abel & Elmena Hoskins	April 17
McCann, John J. & Juliet S. Chamberlain	Dec. 10
McCrary, Alex E. & Dorothy Youree	Jan. 24
McKnight, John P. & Mary Neeley	Dec. 24
McKnight, James N. & Martha A. Alexander	Nov. 20
McLaughlin, George W. & Tennessee L. Morton	Sept. 15
Neeley, Joshua R. & Sarah Ann Smith	May 7
Nelson, Isaac R. & Harriet V. Haynes	Dec. 7

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Nolan, Martin & Maranda B. Cochran	Nov. 7
Norvell, Charles W. & Sarah A. Tennison	Oct. 24
Pearcy, John J. & Eliza Jane Herbert	Nov. 13
Perkins, John B. & Eliz. Tatum	March 13
Pierson, Richmond & Sarah N. Summers	June 27
Pinion, Augustus & Nancy S. Harris	July 3
Pinkston, James D. & Eliz. J. Mankin	Oct. 8
Porter, James M. & Jennie T. Hannah	April 25
Portis, Joseph H. & Sarah E. McCullough	Aug. 25
Pride, John S. M. & Sallie E. Morgan	Jan. 11
Puckett, Benj. & Eliz. H. Ridout	Oct. 11
Ralston, Alexander H. & Harriet R. Thompson	June 5
Rice, W. F. & Mary A. Sanders	Jan. 15
Richardson, Wm. T. & Sallie J. Majors	Sept. 6
Ridley, James B. & Mary J. Ridley	Nov. 8
Ridley, Wm. A. & Nancy L. Haynes	Dec. 4
Rucker, Samuel J. & Ada Mitchell	Feb. 15
Runnells, James B. & Polly H. Todd	Nov. 30
Rutledge, Benj. & Sarah Webb	Jan. 15
Ryan, James M. & Elvey Winsett	Dec. 4
Sanders, Andrew T. & Martha J. Semmons	Oct. 17
Searcy, Anderson & Amanda E. Batey	April 25
Shelton, Thomas & Sarah E. Naron	Feb. 21
Shilcutt, Thomas A. & Henrietta M. Buchanan	Feb. 13
Shipp, Joseph E. & Martha Ann Lewis	Dec. 19
Shlaffer, Mathias & Martha Ehrenseller	Oct. 31
Smith, Napoleon B. & Mary D. Fletcher	Nov. 26
Smith, W. W. & Julia Ann McLean	Nov. 26
Smotherman, Bartholemew & Judith C. Wood	May 12
Smotherman, James A. & Mary A. Douglass	Jan. 23
Smotherman, Wm. & Mary J. Love	Feb. 15
Snell, Jonathan L. & Martha E. Harris	Dec. 19
Span, Hartwell & Eliz. Ryan	July 21
Statler, Samuel & Mary Ann Lillard	June 26
Stephens, Geo. M. & Sarah Ann Koonce	Aug. 16
Sullivan, Robert J. & Sarah E. Barr	Oct. 18
Tarpley, John A. & Indiana Jackson	Oct. 9
Tassey, John W. & Esther A. Daniel	Feb. 1
Thomas, Robert & Sarah E. Johnson	Oct. 2
Thompson, Dela F. & Zusilla E. Watson (Halsen)	May 14
Todd, John & Rhoda Trolinger	Oct. 15
Todd, Jacob M. & Mary A. Nichols	Jan. 6
Toliver, Wm. & Martha Brinkley	Oct. 1
Tompkins, B. C. & Louisa A. Jones	Nov. 14
Underwood, Wm. & Nancy H. Barber	Oct. 23
Vaughan, Isaac & Susan H. Taylor	Dec. 27
Vawter, Jesse R. & Virginia A. Blackman	Jan. 9
Walden, John & Eliz. Bishop	April 7
Westbrooks, Wm. C. & Julia A. Smotherman	Sept 4
Wiggs, Thomas W. & Martha E. Smith	Dec. 6
Wilson, Wm. & Martha Ann Benson	Oct. 25
Windrow, Travis & Catherine E. Pate	Jan. 1

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Woolen, Geo. W. & Josephine Zachry Smith	Nov. 27
Wrather, Enoch B. & Ellen V. Robinson	Feb. 9
Wright, Thompson J. & Eliz. A. Barker	Nov. 26

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Alexander, W. T. & Euphemia L. Travis	Sept. 30
Alford, Thomas W. & Athelia H. Bone	Feb. 11
Allen, James A. & Eliz. D. Christopher	Dec. 14
Anderson, Henry R. & Nancy E. Baxter	March 31
Armstrong, J. H. & Mary A. Roberts	May 17
Arnett, Henry & Martha A. Burnett	July 29
Arnold, Wm. J. & Sarah A. Rice	Feb. 25
Alsup, E. B. & Susan F. Percy	Oct. 1
Askew, Aaron O. & Susan C. Read	Dec. 9
Baird, Thomas A. & Lucy A. Perry	Sept. 17
Baker, James F. & Amanda Evans	Feb. 19
Barnes, John H. & Martha Ivey	Jan. 27
Barnett, G. F. & Eliz. Sanders	Aug. 20
Baskette, James B. & Martha E. Neal	Jan. 24
Baskette, W. T. & Hellin M. Crichlow	Oct. 8
Batey, James M. & Harriette G. Morton	July 25
Batson, Madison F. & Mary E. Ransom	Dec. 17
Beatey, James M. & Mahaly C. Briant	Oct. 21
Bell, John & Sarah M. McKee	Jan. 30
Bell, Robert F. & Eliz. Major	Nov. 10
Belt, William & Celia Howland	Jan. 17
Bibb, A. S. & Sarah Ann Hord	Sept. 20
Bigham, Robert H. & Lucy Ann Duncan	Jan. 26
Bingham, John D. & Nancy C. Pearson	Oct. 31
Birdwell, Samuel & Amanda L. Naylor	Jan. 9
Blackman, Raiford C. & Ann B. Ridout	Oct. 4
Bone, B. P. & Sarah L. Rankin	June 7
Boyd, John & Martha S. North	March 22
Boyd, Nathan A. & Mary E. Marable	July 14
Bradford, W. H. & S. E. Perry	Nov. 4
Brooks, H. J. & Isabella Miles	April 30
Brown, Geo. A. & Susan A. Sublett	March 12
Brown, Repps O. & Mary E. McAdoo	Jan. 28
Bryant, Wm. O. & Mossouria A. Hedgepath	Nov. 8
Buckner, Marian L. & Sarah J. Brinkley	Sept. 25
Burlinson, Isaac & Julia Holloway	July 16
Bumpass, Wm. M. & Hannah E. Nash	Jan. 14
Cabler, James F. & Martha J. Dickie	Dec. 17
Caldwell, Robert R. & Tennessee L. Buchanan	March 29
Carlton, John A. & Louisa A. Haynes	Aug. 25
Carney Wm. J. & Mariah L. Butler	May 14
Cole, James H. & Mary F. Taylor	Jan. 14
Coursey, Joseph & Amanda M. Lamb	Oct. 1
Cross, John C. & Catharine Newgent	Oct. 16

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Dickie, James H. & City M. Rowlett	July 11
Dillon, Wm. H. & Martha A. Hill	Feb. 11
Dunaway, Drury & Parlee Smith (Garrison)	Sept. 29
Dunaway, Thomas & Nancy Moore	June 9
Dunn, Bolin H. & Catharine Summerhill	April 30
Dunn, Nuton C. & Cathrine Blagg	Dec. 18
Eagleton, John A. & Mary A. J. Bethel	Dec. 17
Elder, Elias A. & Eliz. C. Wilson	Dec. 29
Elrod, Adam & Eliz. W. Good	Sept. 18
Fields, Joseph H. & Mary J. Blair	March 6
Fletcher, Wm. C. & Sarah A. Edwards	Jan. 9
Furgason, Beriman & Susan Hubbard	May 12
George, Wm. P. & Chancy Etter	June 28
Glenn, Stephen M. & Lucie W. Searcy	July 2
Glenn, Wm. T. & Louisa Glimp	Dec. 16
Gooch, James H. & Mary Jane Harris	June 21
Gorden, John B. & Mary Eliz. Ealy	June 28
Graves, Joseph L. & Amanda Robertson	May 5
Greer, Elijah V. & Sarah Primm	Nov. 24
Hail, Baxter W. & Rebecca M. Smith	March 6
Haley, James A. & Eliz. E. Robertson	April 10
Heraldston, Joseph S. & Sarah A. Sanders	Nov. 17
Harrison, David A. & Sarah H. Huggins	Oct. 1
Harrison, Duke W. & Addie Sublett	Oct. 6
Haynes, Harvy J. & Julia Ann L. Posey	Nov. 8
Hays, Thomas H. & Ann Newman	Feb. 20
Hays, Wm. J. & Martha J. Weatherly	Feb. 8
Higginbotham, M. L. & Margaret Jane Louis (Lewis)	Aug. 21
Hill, Wm. & Priscilla J. Baker	Aug. 27
Hockins, Elisha & Mary L. Powell	Sept. 24
Hodge, Wm. L. & Sarah O. Tombs	March 8
Holden, Geo. W. & Martha Jarratt	March 17
Hoover, Wm. F. & Martha A. Halton	Dec. 4
Hoover, James M. & Martha J. Barker	Oct. 9
Holmes, Charles R. & Sally S. Wade	Dec. 4
House, James & Nancy G. Wilson	Jan. 24
Howland, Lewis H. & Izabel Daughtery	Oct. 2
Huitt, Wm. N. & America Roling	Nov. 26
Irwin, George T. & Mary J. Cates	Jan. 23
Jacobs, Alfred & Mary M. Creasy	Jan. 10
Jackson, Mead H. & Sarah A. Nance	Jan. 1
James, J. F. B. & Susan Batey	Oct. 9
Jamison, John W. & Sarah Ann Colman	Nov. 12
Jarratt, Robert & Cynthia Hewitt	July 18
Johnston, Wm. A. & Jane E. Smith	Nov. 22
Karney, Charles & Josephine Clark	Sept. 27
Keller, James M. & Margaret L. Parker	Feb. 14
Kirby, Smith & Violet Harris	Sept. 25
Kirk, Wm. C. & Eliz. Smothers	May 12
Lackey, W. K. & Lucy A. Felts	May 29
Lamb, Thomas & Martha J. Westbrooks	Jan. 7
Lyon, G. W. & M. B. Fagan	Aug. 12

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Maberry, W. Y. & Sarah McCalister	Dec. 24
Mankin, Welcome & Sarah Lyon	Feb. 23
Marable, Isaac L. & Eliz. Ward	Jan. 22
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DR. MURFREE MEETS CHAMP FERGUSON

Dr. James B. Murfree, a Murfreesboro native, experienced two significant brushes with history: the first was a pleasing experience associated with family preeminence, and the second, startling, if not critically dangerous. In the first place, Dr. Murfree's uncle, Colónel Hardy Murfree, became the town's namesake. Dr. Murfree, son of Matthias Murfree, was born in Rutherford County in 1835, attended Union University, briefly engaged in the mercantile business, and later attended the medical department at the University of Nashville, and still later received his medical degree from the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1859. His hometown practice was cut short by the outbreak of the war two years later. He enlisted in Company F, First Tennessee Infantry, and served as private until June and then was appointed surgeon. In September he was elevated to assistant surgeon of the Confederate Army. It was during his assignment at the hospital in Emory, Virginia, in the fall of 1864, that he was confronted by the Tennessee Confederate bushwhacker, Champ Ferguson. Ferguson's reputation as a killer or executioner of Blue Coats had spread far from his White County home. By his own estimate he had murdered over one hundred mostly by a knife plunge through the heart followed by a coup de grace shot through the back of the head. His reasoning for the bloody rampage is not clear. Wrongs, real or imagined, committed by Union soldiers on his family may have been a motive force. His mountaineer instinct of total war, with no quarter

asked for or given, may have been another. Whatever it was, he played his role well, so well he was a high priority for Union search parties roaming the mountains and late battlefields.

Champ Ferguson's unexpected visit to the Emory hospital, with some compatriots, was a planned mission and in line with his sworn oath to eliminate every Blue Coat that strength and resourcefulness would allow him.

Years later, in Murfreesboro where he was a well-known and respected physician, Dr. Murfree sat down and wrote an account of the Emory incident as he remembered it. This was his story:

During the year 1864 and the early part of 1865 I was stationed at Emory, Virginia, as the Surgeon in charge of the Confederate Hospital located at that place.

In the fall of 1864 a large force of Federal calvary from Kentucky under command of General Stoneman made a raid through Southwestern Virginia for the purpose of destroying the railroad between Bristol and Lynchburg. They were met by Morgan's command and a fierce and bloody battle was fought near Max Meadow in which the Federals were defeated and driven back into Kentucky. A large number of Federals were taken prisoners, many of them being wounded, some very badly.

The wounded were sent to the General Hospital at Emory and Henry College, of these there were 150 or 200 Federal prisoners. The Hospital was on the railroad, nine miles from Abingdon, beautifully located and in a fine section of country. The college buildings were large and commodious and were occupied by the Confederates as a hospital, containing 350 beds and was under my care as the surgeon in charge. The Federal wounded were placed on the third and fourth floors of the main building which could be only reached by two stairways, one at either end of the building. In order to prevent the escape of any of the Federal prisoners guards were placed at the foot of each of the stairways.

On a cold and bleak Saturday in November, 1864, Champ Ferguson with twelve or fifteen of his men, quietly rode up to the hospital, dismounted, hitched their horses and entered the hospital almost unnoticed. They attempted to ascend one of the stairways to the ward on the third floor where Lieutenant Smith, a wounded Federal prisoner, was confined.

The guard halted them and told them that they could not go up those steps (this guard was an Irishman and as brave as Julius Caesar). Champ Ferguson followed by his men advanced on the guard swearing that they would go up the steps in spite of him. But the guard undaunted by their threats, raised his gun and leveling it at Champ Ferguson coolly yet firmly told him that he would shoot him if he came any farther.

Unable to scare this guard they left him and went to the other stairway where they overpowered the guard stationed there and ascended the stairs to the ward where Smith was in bed suffering with a severe wound. Champ Ferguson went directly to Smith, sat down on his bed, and patting his gun with his hand said, "Smith, do you see this? Well, I'm going to kill you," and without another word placed the gun at Smith's head, fired, sending a minnie ball through Smith's head instantly killing him.

I was busily engaged in the office of the hospital when a nurse came rushing in saying a lot of soldiers had killed a man in the hospital. I immediately went to the hospital followed by Major Stringfield of the Army of Virginia (who was visiting in that neighborhood). On reaching the hospital we rapidly ascended the steps to the second floor where we were halted by one of Ferguson's men with a drawn revolver. I promptly told him to go down the stairs, to which he replied that "Captain Ferguson had ordered me to let no one pass up the steps." I pushed by him going on up the steps while Major Stringfield remained behind contending with the guard. On the next flight of steps I met Champ Ferguson and his men, and I said to them, "Gentlemen, you must go down from here, this is a place for the sick and wounded, and you must not disturb them," to which Champ Ferguson said with an oath, "I will shoot you." Standing within a few feet of each other I said to him, "This is a Confederate hospital, I am in charge of it, I command here, you must go down from here." Champ Ferguson then advanced to within three feet of me, raised his cocked pistol and pointed directly at my breast saying, "I don't care who you are, damn you, I will kill you." Realizing the desperate character I had to deal with and being myself unarmed, yet impelled by a sense of duty, I again said to him, "You must go down from here and out of this hospital." While we were standing in this threatening attitude, face to face with Ferguson's pistol at my breast and swearing he would kill me, Lieutenant Philpot of Ferguson's company stepped in between us at the same time motioning with his hand to Ferguson when they all went down the steps, I, going

down with them, Ferguson cursing and swearing as he went. They passed out of the hospital, mounted their horses and as they rode off shouted, "We have killed the man that killed Hamilton."

Afterwards I was told that Lieutenant Smith, whom Champ Ferguson had just killed, had mistreated Ferguson's family; that he made Ferguson's wife undress and marched her before him along the public road in a nude state.

The killing of Smith was promptly reported to General Breckenridge at Abingdon, he being in command of the Department of Southwestern Virginia. Champ Ferguson was arrested, a court-martial ordered and held, but it was so near the close of the war that nothing more than this was done with him.

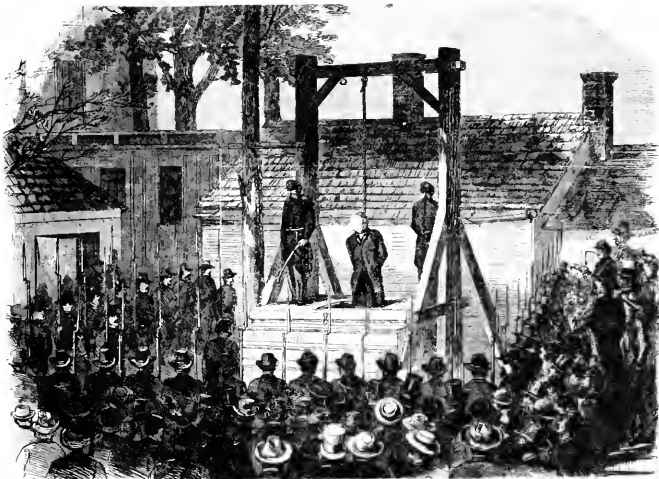
Editor's Note: Dr. Murfree did not complete his story. Champ Ferguson was captured on May 30, 1865. His trial opened in Nashville on July 15 and droned on until September 26 when Ferguson was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. The order of the court was carried out in the morning of October 20. His last words were a request that his remains be returned to the little cemetery near his home in White County. To the last he was fearful that his body would be consigned to the medical school in Nashville. Champ's wishes prevailed.

THE FINAL DAYS OF CHAMP FERGUSON

There is little doubt that Champ Ferguson failed to receive a fair trial in Nashville beginning on July 11, 1865. The three Nashville newspapers, Daily Union, Nashville Dispatch, and the Daily Press and Times were Northern-held, and Ferguson was a Confederate guerilla. Daily, the citizens were fed an emotional diet of lurid stories, vicious attacks, and personal reporter assessments of the killer's war career. The reactions of the citizens and the "reporting" apparently made little impact on Ferguson. There is no shred of evidence that he ever felt any real compunction concerning his actions. The sketches below are from Harper's Weekly (September 23 and November 11, 1865).



CHAMP FERGUSON AND HIS GUARD.—[Photographed by C. C. BURGER, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.]



EXECUTION OF CHAMP FERGUSON, THE GUERRILLA, AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, OCTOBER 20, 1865.—[Sketches by J. M. AMOS.]

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Barnabas Stricklin	Ensign 45th " "	July 24, 1812
William Todd	Lieut. " "	July 24, 1812
Samuel Uselton	Capt. " "	July 24, 1812
Burrell Ward	Ensign 22nd " "	Oct. 8, 1812
Henry Watkins	Lieut. " "	March 24, 1812
Archibald Wills	Ensign " "	June 9, 1812
Daniel Woote	Ensign 45th " "	April 29, 1812

1813

James Barkley	Capt. 45th Regiment	July 24, 1813
Benjamin J. Bass	Ensign 22nd " "	Feb. 11, 1813
Thomas Bass	Lieut. " "	Feb. 11, 1813
John Bethel	Ensign " "	April 27, 1813
	Light Infantry Co.	
James Bole	Lieut. 45th Regiment	July 24, 1813
William Bowman	First Major	Sept. 3, 1813
	22nd Regiment	
Hezekiah G. Cooke	Lieut. " "	Jan. 28, 1813
David Fleming	Lieut. 45th " "	June 14, 1813
M. Hollice	Lieut. " "	July 24, 1813
Thomas Kelough	Capt. " "	Aug. 17, 1813
John Knight	Capt. 22nd " "	Oct. 1, 1813
Abner Lonay	Ensign 45th " "	June 14, 1813
Mathew McClannahan	Lieut. Col. Commandant	Sept. 3, 1813
	22nd Regiment	
James McEwen	Ensign 45th " "	July 24, 1813
John McKinney	Lieut. 22nd " "	Oct. 1, 1813
Bright McLendon	Ensign " "	Jan. 28, 1813
Stokeley Pearce	Ensign 45th " "	Aug. 17, 1813
Hugh Porter	Lieut. " "	June 14, 1813
John Rhay	Lieut. " "	Aug. 17, 1813
Mathew Robeson	Lieut. " "	June 14, 1813
Archibald Shanks	Capt. " "	Jan. 28, 1813
Luke Smith	Lieut. 22nd " "	Oct. 1, 1813
John Thompson	Ensign 45th " "	July 24, 1813
Marady Tucker	Lieut. " "	Jan. 28, 1813
William Vaughn	Lieut. " "	June 14, 1813
William White	Capt. 22nd " "	Oct. 1, 1813
Thomas Whitsett	Ensign " "	Oct. 1, 1813
Francis Yourey	Capt. 45th " "	July 24, 1813
Josiah Zackerry	Capt. 22nd " "	Nove. 8, 1813

1814

Abraham Baker	Ensign 45th Regiment	July 20,	1814
John Bankhead	Lieut. " "	Oct. 3,	1814
William F. Beaty	Ensign " "	April 2,	1814
William F. Beaty	Lieut. " "	July 20,	1814
James Berry	Lieut. " "	April 2,	1814
George Buchanan	Ensign 22nd "	May 7,	1814
Calvin Carlee	Lieut. 45th "	April 2,	1814
William H. Davis	Cornet 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	Nov. 9,	1814
Cader Dement	Lieut. 22nd Regiment Light Infantry Co.	March 2,	1814
Ezekiel Dickson	Lieut. 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	Dec. 4,	1814
James Dickson	Ensign 22nd Regiment Light Infantry Co.	March 2,	1814
Samuel Dunnaway	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	Feb. 7,	1814
Presley Edwards	Capt. " "	July 7,	1814
Littleton Fuller	Ensign company of men not subject to militia duty.	Feb. 7,	1814
David Fortunberry	Ensign 45th Regiment	April 2,	1814
Obediah Garner	Ensign 22nd "	July 7,	1814
Thomas Gassaway	Ensign 45th "	Nov. 6,	1814
Hugh Good	Ensign " "	Oct. 3,	1814
Richard Griffin	Ensign 22nd "	May 7,	1814
Matthew Haley	Ensign " "	July 7,	1814
John Hall	Ensign 45th " Light Infantry Co.	Sept. 5,	1814
John Hoover	Lieut. company of men not subject to militia duty.	Feb. 7,	1814
David Hubbard	Ensign 22nd Regiment	July 7,	1814
Robert Jetton	Second Major 45th Regiment	March 2,	1814
Charles Kavanaugh	Capt. company of men not subject to militia duty.	Feb. 7,	1814
John Kellough	Lieut. 45th Regiment Light Infantry Co.	April 2,	1814
Hugh Kirk	Capt. 45th Regiment Light Infantry Co.	April 2,	1814
Burton L. McFerrin	Capt. 45th Regiment	April 2,	1814
James McFerrin	First Major 45th Regiment	March 2,	1814
Ambrose McKee	Ensign " "	June 25,	1814
Ambrose McKee	Capt. " "	Nov. 6,	1814
John McKee	Capt. " "	March 2,	1814
David McKnight	Lieut. " "	May 7,	1814
John Matthews	Capt. 22nd Regiment	May 7,	1814
James B. Meredith	Ensign 45th "	May 7,	1814
Ezekiel Murphy	Ensign " "	July 20,	1814
John Nash	Capt. 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	Nov. 9,	1814
Jesse Noaks	Ensign 45th Regiment	April 2,	1814

David Patton	Capt. 22nd Regiment	Jan. 8,	1814
	Light Infantry Co.		
Oswall Potts	Ensign 45th Regiment	May 7,	1814
Thomas Potts	Lieut. " "	April 2,	1814
Cyrus Sharpe	Lieut. 9th Brigade	Nov. 9,	1814
	Cavalry Regiment		
Joseph D. Smith	Lieut. 45th Regiment	Nov. 17,	1814
Jidean Thomas	Lieut. " "	April 2,	1814
George Thompson	Lieut. 22nd "	July 7,	1814
William Warnick	Capt. 45th "	May 7,	1814
James Warren	Ensign 22nd "	May 7,	1814
Benjamin Webb	Lieut. 45th "	March 2,	1814
Benjamin Webb	Capt. " "	June 25,	1814
Stephen F. White	Cornet 9th Brigade	Dec. 4,	1814
	Cavalry Regiment		
James Willeford	Ensign 45th Regiment	April 2,	1814
Thomas Yardley	Capt. 9th Brigade	Dec. 4,	1814
	Cavalry Regiment		

1815

Joseph Bellew	Capt. 45th Regiment	Aug. 30,	1815
Willie Burton	Ensign 22nd "	April 28,	1815
Parker Byferd	Lieut. 45th "	Aug. 30,	1815
Ota Cantrell	Second Major	Dec. 16,	1815
	22nd "		
Thomas Carnahan	Ensign 45th "	Aug. 30,	1815
John Caulfield	Capt. 22nd "	Dec. 13,	1815
	Light Infantry Co.		
John Colfield	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	April 28,	1815
	Light Infantry Co.		
Hezekiah G. Cooke	Capt. 22nd Regiment	Aug. 14,	1815
William Cooke	Lieut. " "	Aug. 14,	1815
David Covington	Ensign " "	June 28,	1815
John Crow	Capt. " "	Dec. 13,	1815
Richard D. Doyle	Ensign 45th "	Feb. 20,	1815
Richard D. Doyle	Capt. " "	June 11,	1815
Soloman Elam	Capt. " "	Aug. 30,	1815
Burwell Ganaway	First Major	May 8,	1815
	45th Regiment		
Walker Ganaway	Capt. 22nd "	Dec. 13,	1815
William Gosset	Ensign 45th "	June 11,	1815
Joseph Graves	Lieut. " "	June 11,	1815
Elijah Haley	Capt. 22nd "	May 19,	1815
Allsea Harris	Lieut. 45th "	June 11,	1815
Micajah Hollis	Capt. " "	Jan. 9,	1815
Henry Hutton	Lieut. 22nd "	Dec. 13,	1815
	Light Infantry Co.		
Robert Jetton	Lieut. Col. Commandant	May 8,	1815
	45th Regiment		
Lewis Johnson	Lieut. " "	Aug. 30,	1815
Larkin Johnson	Lieut. " "	June 11,	1815

John Kelough	Capt. 45th Regiment Light Infantry Co.	June 11,	1815
Joseph A. C. Kindrick	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	June 28,	1815
Hugh Kirk	Second Major	May 8,	1815
	45th Regiment		
William Leathers	Ensign " "	June 11,	1815
Levi McGlothlin	Lieut. 22nd " "	Dec. 13,	1815
Isaac Miller	Capt. 45th " "	June 11,	1815
Allen Nance	Lieut. 22nd " "	Dec. 13,	1815
James Patten	Lieut. 45th " "	Aug. 30,	1815
Alexander Petty	Capt. " "	Aug. 30,	1815
Joseph Pollard	Ensign " "	Aug. 30,	1815
Thomas Potts	Capt. " "	June 11,	1815
G. W. Powell	Ensign " "	Aug. 30,	1815
William Powell	Lieut. " "	Aug. 30,	1815
David J. Robertson	Capt. 22nd " "	Dec. 13,	1815
Elijah Saunders	Ensign " "	Dec. 13,	1815
Stallard Scott	Ensign 45th " "	June 11,	1815
	Light Infantry Co.		
John Sharpe	Capt. 22nd Regiment	May 19,	1815
James Stanly	Ensign 45th " "	Aug. 30,	1815
Abraham Thompson	Ensign " "	Feb. 20,	1815
	Light Infantry Co.		
Abraham Thompson	Lieut. 45th Regiment	June 11,	1815
	Light Infantry Co.		
James Todd	Ensign 45th Regiment	Jan. 9,	1815
William Tucker	Ensign " "	June 11,	1815
Thomas G. Watkins	Capt. " "	Aug. 30,	1815
Malachi Wimberly	Lieut. 22nd " "	Dec. 13,	1815

1816

Elenas Alexander	Lieut. 45th Regiment	May 8,	1816
Joseph Balew	Second Major	July 29,	1816
	2nd Regiment		
Howard Barlow	Capt. 45th Regiment	June 11,	1816
Benjamin Battel	Ensign " "	May 8,	1816
Thomas Brotin	Ensign 22nd " "	Jan. 17,	1816
Isaac Burlison	Lieut. " "	Dec. 3,	1816
Moses Burlison	Ensign " "	June 11,	1816
Alexander Caldwell	Lieut. 45th " "	Nov. 2,	1816
Robert Carson	Capt. 3rd " "	Oct. 9,	1816
George Creech	Ensign 45th " "	Nov. 2,	1816
James Curry	Ensign " "	May 8,	1816
Manen Davis	Lieut. " "	Nov. 2,	1816
Ezekiel Dickson	Lieut. 3rd " "	Oct. 9,	1816
	Light Infantry Co.		
Robert Dickson	Ensign 45th Regiment	Nov. 2,	1816
	Light Infantry Co.		
Joseph Doake	Capt. 3rd Regiment	Oct. 9,	1816
Nathan Evans	Ensign 45th " "	June 11,	1816
John Fan	Lieut. 3rd " "	Oct. 9,	1816
Thomas Flanagan	Ensign 22nd " "	Dec. 3,	1816
Harrison Fussle	Lieut. " "	Dec. 3,	1816

William Gable	Ensign 3rd Regiment Light Infantry Co.	Oct. 9,	1816
Ezekiel Garrison	Ensign 3rd Regiment	Oct. 9,	1816
Moses Glasscock	Ensign "	Oct. 9,	1816
Green B. Green	Ensign 45th "	Nov. 2,	1816
John Hall	Ensign 3rd "	Oct. 9,	1816
Alse Harris	Capt. 45th "	June 11,	1816
Thomas A. Harris	Capt. 22nd "	Dec. 3,	1816
Gilliat Hubbel	Capt. 45th "	Nov. 2,	1816
Walter Jenkins	Ensign 22nd "	Jan. 17,	1816
William Jones	Ensign " "	June 11,	1816
	Rifle Co.		
William Jones	Ensign 22nd "	Sept. 6,	1816
	Rifle Co.		
David Kees	Capt. 45th "	May 8,	1816
William Leathers	Lieut. " "	Nov. 2,	1816
James Mankin	Lieut. 3rd "	Oct. 9,	1816
Alexander McKnight	Lieut. " "	Oct. 9,	1816
David McKnight	Capt. 45th "	May 8,	1816
William McKnight	Capt. 3rd "	Oct. 9,	1816
William McKnight	Lieut. 45th "	May 8,	1816
James McFerrin	Lt. Col. Commandant 2nd Regiment	July 29,	1816
William McFerrin	Ensign 45th Regiment	May 8,	1816
Alford More	Capt. " "	May 8,	1816
Ezekiel More	Lieut. " "	May 8,	1816
John More	Ensign 3rd "	Oct. 9,	1816
John Nugent	Ensign 45th "	Nov. 2,	1816
Daniel Parkrush	Lieut. " "	June 11,	1816
Mathew Patton	Capt. 3rd "	Oct. 9,	1816
Robert Purdy	Brig. General 9th Brigade	Aug. 13,	1816
Benjamin Ransom	Capt. 45th Regiment	June 11,	1816
John Smith	Lieut. 22nd "	June 11,	1816
	Rifle Co.		
John Smith	Lieut. 22nd "	Sept. 6,	1816
	Rifle Co.		
Robert Smith	Lieut. Calv. "	Sept. 19,	1816
	9th Brigade		
John Steward	Ensign 45th "	May 8,	1816
George A. Sublet	Capt. " "	Nov. 2,	1816
Bazel Summers	Ensign 3rd "	Oct. 9,	1816
William Thomas	Lieut. " "	Oct. 9,	1816
Elijah Tucker	Lieut. 45th "	Nov. 2,	1816
Henry M. Walker	Capt. 22nd "	June 11,	1816
	Rifle Co.		
Thomas Ward	Ensign 45th "	Nov. 2,	1816
Henry M. Watkin	Capt. 22nd "	Sept. 6,	1816
	Rifle Co.		
Hugh Webb	Capt. 45th "	June 11,	1816
Charles Wells	Lieut. " "	May 8,	1816

Asa West	Ensign 45th Regiment	Nov. 2, 1816
Stephen F. White	Capt. 3rd " Light Infantry Co.	Oct. 9, 1816
Peter Williams	Ensign 45th Regiment	May 8, 1816
James Younger (?)	Cornet Calv. " 9th Brigade	Sept. 19, 1816
Joseph Yourd	First Major 2nd Brigade	July 29, 1816

1817

William Alford	Capt. 22nd Regiment	May 22, 1817
Gideon R. Allen	Ensign 3rd "	July 3, 1817
Joseph Allison	Ensign 45th "	April 22, 1817
George Brandon	Lieut. 3rd " Rifle Company	March 6, 1817
John Cherry	Ensign 3rd " Rifle Company	March 6, 1817
Russel Donel	Lieut. 45th "	July 23, 1817
Edward Fotherstone	Capt. 45th "	March 5, 1817
Hugh Good	Capt. 3rd " Rifle Company	March 6, 1817
Isaac S. Jetton	Lieut. 45th "	March 5, 1817
Ephraim Lawrence	Ensign 3rd "	July 3, 1817
John Martin	Ensign 22nd "	Sept. 6, 1817
Jesse Mason	Ensign 22nd "	May 22, 1817
George Morris	Capt. 45th "	April 22, 1817
John G. Murphy	Lieut. 3rd "	July 3, 1817
George W. Oliver	Ensign 45th "	Sept. 23, 1817
John Patterson	Ensign " "	April 22, 1817
James Rayburn	Ensign " "	March 5, 1817
Stephen Roach	Capt. 3rd "	March 6, 1817
Edmund Todd	Capt. 22nd "	Sept. 6, 1817
William Thomas	Capt. 3rd "	July 3, 1817
John Watkins	Lieut. 45th "	Sept. 18, 1817
Thomas Williams	Lieut. 3rd "	July 3, 1817
Samuel S. Wood	Lieut. 22nd "	May 22, 1817
Joseph Wright	Ensign 22nd "	Sept. 6, 1817

1818

Nelson Blanton	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	July 18, 1818
Nelson Blanton	Capt. " "	Nov. 7, 1818
Robert Dickson	Lieut. 45th " Light Infantry Co.	Oct. 6, 1818
Joseph Donelson	Ensign 22nd Regiment	Sept. 19, 1818
James Elliot	Capt. " "	July 18, 1818
James Gamuel	Ensign " "	Sept. 19, 1818
Green Berry Green	Lieut. 45th "	June 18, 1818
David P. Hannis	Capt. " " Light Infantry Co.	Oct. 6, 1818

William Long	Lieut. 22nd Regiment Rifle Company	July 18, 1818
William McMurray	Lieut. 53rd Regiment Rifle Company	Sept. 12, 1818
George Miller	Ensign 45th Regiment	June 18, 1818
Thomas Palmer	Ensign " "	Dec. 26, 1818
William Purtle	Ensign 22nd " " Rifle Company	July 18, 1818
John H. Raines	Capt. 45th Regiment	June 18, 1818
William D. Rowlon	Capt. 22nd " "	Sept. 19, 1818
Lewis Ship	Ensign 53rd " " Vol. Light Infantry	Sept. 12, 1818
Theophilus W. Short	Lieut. 45th Regiment Light Infantry Co.	Oct. 6, 1818
John Smith	Capt. 22nd Regiment Rifle Company	July 18, 1818
Vincent Taylor	Lieut. 45th Regiment	Dec. 26, 1818
James M. Tilford	Capt. " " Light Infantry Co.	Oct. 6, 1818
William Walker	Ensign 45th Regiment	June 18, 1818
John Warren	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	Sept. 19, 1818
James Woods	Ensign " "	Sept. 19, 1818

1819

David M. Andrew	Ensign 45th Regiment	June 17, 1819
David Barton	Cornet 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	Aug. 16, 1819
Absalom Carny	Lieut. 22nd Regiment	April 27, 1819
Robert Clarke	Capt. 45th " "	June 17, 1819
Benjamin Davis	Ensign 53rd " "	May 18, 1819
Robert Fagan	Capt. " "	May 18, 1819
Joseph A. Farmer	Capt. 45th " "	June 17, 1819
Thomas M. Fasling	Ensign 53rd " "	March 16, 1819
Moses H. Glascock	Lieut. " "	March 16, 1819
Hiram Hunt	Ensign " "	May 18, 1819
James Mayberry	Ensign 22nd " "	April 27, 1819
John McMennamy	Capt. " "	April 27, 1819
Ezekiel Moore	Lieut. 45th " "	June 17, 1819
John Moore	Lieut. 22nd " "	Sept. 30, 1819
William F. Moore	Lieut. 53rd " "	March 16, 1819
General Lee Nolen	Lt. Col. 9th Brigade Commandant Regiment of Cavalry	May 31, 1819
John Nolin	Capt. 53rd Regiment	May 18, 1819
Robert Patton	Capt. 45th " "	July 26, 1819
Willis Pearce	Lieut. 53rd " "	May 18, 1819
John Pearson	Lieut. " "	May 18, 1819
Luke Puckett	Ensign 22nd " "	Sept. 30, 1819
Isaac Sanders	Ensign " "	April 27, 1819
Henry D. Sims	Ensign 53rd " "	March 16, 1819
Joseph Smith	Lieut. 45th " "	July 26, 1819

Robert Smith	Capt. 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	Sept. 16, 1819
Daniel M. Stewart	Cornet 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	Sept. 16, 1819
Gideon Thompson	Capt. 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	Aug. 16, 1819
Wyatt Tweedy (?)	Lieut. 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	Sept. 16, 1819
Samuel Uselton	Capt. 53rd Regiment	March 16, 1819

1820

William Allen	Ensign 53rd Regiment	March 20, 1820
Charles Anderson	Lieut. 45th "	July 1, 1820
Charles Anderson	Capt. " "	Dec. 4, 1820
William Aquummit (?)	Ensign " "	Sept. 22, 1820
William Arnold	Capt. 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	June 3, 1820
Meredith Blanton	Ensign 22nd Regiment	Feb. 28, 1820
John Brittenham	Lieut. 45th "	Oct. 7, 1820
Leroy Burkes	Capt. 53rd "	March 20, 1820
Gilbert Copeland	Ensign " "	March 20, 1820
John Davis, Jr.	Ensign " "	Oct. 5, 1820
Hugh H. Elliston	Lieut. 45th "	Feb. 15, 1820
William C. Emmish (?)	Capt. " "	Feb. 15, 1820
William C. Emmet	Second Major 45th Regiment	Dec. 26, 1820
Anson L. Estes	Capt. " "	Oct. 7, 1820
Ansel L. Estes	Lieut. " "	July 12, 1820
Mumford Fletcher	Lieut. " "	Sept. 22, 1820
Andrew Griffin	Lieut. " "	July 1, 1820
Pharoah Hall	Ensign " "	July 1, 1820
Edward Hamilton	Ensign " "	July 1, 1820
William Hicks	Ensign " "	Feb. 15, 1820
Henry Holmes	Surgeon 53rd "	July 1, 1820
Hugh D. Jamison	Lieut. 45th "	Sept. 22, 1820
Isaac L. Jetton	Capt. " "	Dec. 23, 1820
Lawton Jones	Lieut. 22nd "	Feb. 28, 1820
John Jones	Ensign 45th "	Feb. 15, 1820
John Jones	Lieut. " "	Oct. 5, 1820
John Jones	Capt. " "	Oct. 7, 1820
James M. King	Capt. " "	Dec. 23, 1820
William Ledbetter	Capt. 9th Brigade Cavalry Regiment	June 3, 1820
William Locke	First Major 45th Regiment	Dec. 26, 1820
James Maney	Surgeon " "	Oct. 7, 1820
Willard Manchester	Ensign " "	Dec. 8, 1820
Robert Mankin	Fife Major 53rd Regiment	July 1, 1820
James T. Maxwell	Lieut. 45th "	Dec. 8, 1820
Arthur McCrary	Lieut. 53rd "	Oct. 5, 1820

David McKnight	Adjutant	July 1,	1820
	53rd Regiment		
John McKnight	Sgt. Major	July 1,	1820
	53rd Regiment		
John Molloy	Ensign 45th Regiment	Oct. 7,	1820
John Moore	Ensign 53rd "	Oct. 5,	1820
Benjamin Nelson	Ensign 45th "	Dec. 4,	1820
Joseph Newman	Second Master	July 1,	1820
	53rd Regiment		
James Norman	Lieut. 45th "	Dec. 4,	1820
Thomas Norman	Capt. " "	Dec. 23,	1820
George W. Oliver	Cornet 9th Brigade	June 3,	1820
	Cavalry Regiment		
Simon (Simeon) Poake	Ensign 53rd Regiment	Oct. 5,	1820
Abner Potts	Lieut. Col. Commandant	Dec. 26,	1820
	45th Regiment		
William Powell	Capt. 22nd "	Feb. 28,	1820
George Ralston	Capt. " "	June 5,	1820
Athelstone Ransom	Ensign 45th "	July 12,	1820
Hugh Roberson	Ensign 22nd "	July 25,	1820
Henry Rogers	Lieut. " "	July 25,	1820
Pleasant Rutledge	Ensign 45th "	Dec. 8,	1820
Raymond B. Sagely	Lieut. " "	Dec. 4,	1820
Robert Smith	First Major 9th Brigade	June 15,	1820
	Cavalry Regiment		
Nathan Stockird	Lieut. 9th Brigade	June 3,	1820
	Cavalry Regiment		
John Tucker	Drum Major	July 1,	1820
	53rd Regiment		
William Warnick	Coronet 9th Brigade	Sept. 12,	1820
	Cavalry Regiment		
Isaac Williams	Ensign 53rd Regiment	Oct. 5,	1820
Wm. H. Youree	Capt. " "	Oct. 5,	1820

OCCUPATION MAYOR:
THE HONORABLE J. M. TOMPKINS

In the Union Volunteer, May 20, 1862, a newspaper published by occupation authorities, this notice was carried: "Some weeks since notice was (part of sentence illegible) of the city of



Murfreesboro, elected during the session of the 'reign of terror,' that they must take the oath of allegiance as required by the State Constitution or be removed from office. The Mayor J. E. Dromgole (sic), the Recorder, D. D. Wendel, and Aldermen Robertson and Saunders declined to comply with the request. They were accordingly removed and others chosen by

the remaining Aldermen to fill the vacancies. The following gentlemen now comprise the city government: Mayor J. M. Tompkins; Recorder R. D. Reed; Aldermen Alfred Miller, John Todd, E. S. Jordan, C. B. Huggins, and William McKnight; Magistrates John Jones and V. C. Carter; and Constable Gannaway." (from microfilm in Smyrna, Tennessee Library.)

The length of Tompkins' tenure as the Murfreesboro mayor is not clear. At the time the town was garrisoned by a Union brigade composed of the Ninth Michigan, the Third Minnesota, and some scattered detachments from other regiments. Forrest's raid on July 13 covered a period of some twelve hours, and the prisoners that were carried away with Forrest's withdrawal were replaced by

units under General William Nelson. Sometime later, the garrison was abandoned, and early in October, the Army of Tennessee, under General Braxton Bragg, moved into the town and its environs. Following the battle of Stones River, the Confederate army retired to Tullahoma and Shelbyville. Rosecrans' Army of the Cumberland became the reoccupation troops. For the remainder of the war, Murfreesboro was in Union hands.

Tompkins states in his "Memoirs" (that are carried in full on the pages that follow) that he acted as mayor "until all civil and municipal law ceased by the action of the war."

There is no record that even a token form of municipal government was allowed from January 3, 1863 until the close of the war. Tompkins' days as a mayor may have covered a few months, possibly a year. Whatever time his office may have existed must have been identifiable by controversy. This inference can be drawn from reading his "Memoirs." It can be noted that biographies of two of his sons, Robert and Albert, that appear in Goodspeed's History of Tennessee (1886), make no reference to their father's mayorship. One may conjecture that their mayor father did not achieve widespread popularity. Both sons were Confederates. Robert served with the Forty-fifty Tennessee and Albert with the Eighteenth Tennessee.

Shortly after the war, Mayor Tompkins may have been rewarded for his loyalty. He was appointed clerk and master of the chancery court. He died in 1870.

MEMOIRS OF
JAMES M. TOMPKINS

* Written by Himself

JAMES M. TOMPKINS, son of Wm. and Sarah Tompkins, was born in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, on Adren's Creek, on the 18th day of October, 1807. He remained with his Father, (who lived in Fluvanna County, Va., except the years of 1818 and 1819, in which years he resided in Albemarle County, Va., two miles North of Charlottesville,) until the year 1827. His recollection cannot go back when he did not have a firm belief in the truth of the Christian Religion. In October, 1826, he made a public profession of Religion, and was baptized by the Rev. Moses Brock, and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the Union Mills Church, in the county of Fluvanna. On the 25th day of October, 1827, he was married by the Rev. John Goss, to Kitty G. Rucker, daughter of Elza and Mary P. Rucker, of Orange County, Va. In December, 1827, he left the County of Fluvanna, and settled in Orange County, Va., near Caves-Ville, and joined the Orange Church in that neighborhood. He resided in Orange County until December, 1830, at which time he moved and settled in Albemarle County, Va., six miles South of Charlottesville, and became a member of the Church at Temple Hill Church. He remained in Albemarle County, Va., until September, 1831, at which time he left the State of

* An original copy of this document is the property of William Tompkins Walkup of Smyrna, Tennessee. Mr. Walkup claims Mayor Tompkins as an ancestor of his.

Virginia and moved to the State of Tennessee, and settled on Overall's Creek in the County of Rutherford, and became a member of the Church at Asberry Church. In March, 1836, he was elected a Justice of the Peace for the Sixth District of Rutherford County. In July, 1837, he was elected Surveyor for the County of Rutherford by the County Court of said County. In June, 1812, he petitioned and was accepted and became a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 18, of Ancient Free and Accepted York Masons. He received all the degrees in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council. He was elected several times Master of said Lodge, which he esteemed the highest honor ever conferred upon him. In March, 1816, he was elected by the people of said County Sheriff for Rutherford County. In March 1818 and in March 1850, he was re-elected to the same office. In March, 1852, he retired from said office, having served as long as the Constitution of the State would allow, and having discharged the duties of said office with satisfaction as far as he knows and believes to all, except evil doors. In August, 1855, he was elected by the people of the County of Rutherford a member of the State Legislature of Tennessee, for the Session of 1855 and 1856. This was an office he did not seek nor desire it, never having any desire to engage in political life. In December, '1859, he sold out his farm in the country known as Cherry Flat, four miles North-west of Murfreesboro, moved to Murfreesboro and settled in Town, and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, (South) in Murfreesboro, and was appointed one of the Stewarts of said Church. He having raised and educated the children, being seven in number,



one daughter and six sons, to-wit:--Sarah Margaret, Benjamin C., William R., Robert T., James E., George T. and Albert G. Tompkins, and becoming old and infirm in health, and being desirous of leading a quiet and peaceable life the balance of his days, and not any more engage in the busy scenes of life- and at peace with all men. But, alast wicked and designing men, North and South, not having the fear of God before their eyes, and being instigated by evil and selfish designs, determined to brake up and ruin our once happy and beloved country and government, if they could not govern it to suit their own views. They brought on and instigated an uncalled for rebellion and civil war. He was opposed to all this procedure, and done all in his power to prevent it, believing that it was our duty to seek redress for all our wrongs by law, in the Congress of the United States, and not to go out of the Union and resort to arms for redress, until all other ways and means should fail; he believing and so argued, that if we separated from the Union and went to war, that nothing awaited us but defeat, distress and woe. The State of Tennessee voted to go out of the Union in May, 1861, by a large majority of votes. He being a Southern man, born and raised in the South, all his sympathies being with the Southern people, and all he had among them, and although it was like rending soul and body asunder to see the beloved Union of the United States, that had been established and cemented by the blood of his ancestors, torn asunder, and a civil war instituted, he quietly submitted to the fate of his State and Country, and only acting in doing all the good he could to relieve the wants and distresses of the people among whom he lived; daily

asking God to guide, preserve and protect us. His course and views gave displeasure to some, and caused ill-feelings to be engendered in a few towards him; but his course of conduct and acts was directed by his judgment, and what he conscientiously believed to be right, and therefore, he acted regardless of consequences. He believed that the South had been imposed upon and our rights invaded and denied us, but he never believed in the doctrine of secession or the right of States to secede from the Union at will. In December, 1861, he was elected one of the Aldermen of the town of Murfreesboro. In 1862 he was elected by the Aldermen, Mayor of Murfreesboro, and acted as Mayor until all civil and municipal law ceased by the action of the war. In October, 1861, he took an active part in restoring Civil Law in our country, and re-establishing and opening the Courts, at which time he was appointed by Chancellor John P. Steele, Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Rutherford County, Tennessee; and he appointed his son, Robert T. Tompkins, Deputy Clerk and Master of said Court, which office they still fill at this date, (1888). In 1882, owing to some ill-feelings engendered in the minds of some of the members of his Church, (which he had been a member of for upwards of forty years; which Church he loved and revered as a Mother,) he withdrew from said Church, and obtained a letter of withdrawal, which letter he kept, hoping, wishing and praying that the cause of his withdrawing might be satisfactorily adjusted, but seeing advances made in that way by the offending parties, and after giving the subject a long, careful and prayerful

consideration, and feeling it to be the duty of every Professing Christian to belong to and be a member of a Christian Church, in August 1888, he presented his letter to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro, and became a member of that Church, having full faith in its being a genuing Christian Church in Orthodoxy, and believing he could serve God acceptably in the same.

I have written this condensed Memoir as a present to my Children, a Memento to my memory--hoping and praying that they may all make good and useful citizens, and do more good than I have done; that they may fill their stations in life with honor, and never disgrace the humble character and name of their Father--hoping we all may meet in Heaven.

December 16th, 1888.

JAMES M. TOMPKINS

MAYORS OF MURFREESBORO

1818-1973

1818 - Joshua Haskell	1864 - James Monro Tompkins*
1819 - David Wendel	1865 - R. D. Reed
1820 - Robert Purdy	1866 - R. D. Reed
1821 - Henry Holmes	1867 - Charles Ready
1822 - W. R. Rucker	1868 - E. L. Jordan
1823 - W. R. Rucker	1869 - E. L. Jordan
1824 - John Jones	1870 - Thomas B. Darragh
1825 - Wm. Ledbetter	1871 - Joseph A. January
1826 - S. R. Rucker	1872 - I. B. Collier
1827 - Wm. Ledbetter	1873 - I. B. Collier
1828 - John Smith	1874 - Dr. J. B. Murfree
1829 - Edward Fisher	1875 - Dr. J. B. Murfree
1830 - John Smith	1876 - H. H. Kerr
1831 - James C. Moore	1877 - H. H. Clayton
1832 - Charles Ready	1878 - N. C. Collier
1833 - Charles Niles	1879 - N. C. Collier
1834 - Marman Spence	1880 - Jas. Clayton
1835 - M. Spence	1881 - Jas. Clayton
1836 - Edward Fisher	1882 - E. F. Burton
1837 - L. H. Carney	1883 - E. F. Burton
1838 - E. A. Keeble	1884 - J. M. Overall
1839 - Edward Fisher	1885 - J. M. Overall
1840 - G. A. Sublett	1886 - H. E. Palmer
1841 - B. W. Farmer	1887 - H. E. Palmer
1842 - B. W. Farmer	1888 - Tom H. Woods
1843 - H. Yoakum	1889 - Tom H. Woods
1844 - Wilson Thomas	1890 - Tom H. Woods
1845 - B. W. Farmer	1891 - Tom H. Woods
1846 - B. W. Farmer	1892 - Tom H. Woods
1847 - John Leiper	1893 - Tom H. Woods
1848 - John Leiper	1894 - Tom H. Woods
1849 - Charles Ready	1895 - Tom H. Woods
1850 - Charles Ready	1896 - J. T. Wrather
1851 - Charles Ready	1897 - J. T. Wrather
1852 - Charles Ready	1898 - J. O. Oslin
1853 - Charles Ready	1899 - J. O. Oslin
1854 - F. Henry	1900 - J. H. Crichlow
1855 - E. A. Keeble	1901 - J. H. Crichlow
1856 - Jos. B. Palmer	1902 - J. H. Crichlow
1857 - Jos. B. Palmer	1903 - J. H. Crichlow
1858 - Jos. B. Palmer	1904 - J. H. Crichlow
1859 - Jos. B. Palmer	1905 - J. H. Crichlow
1860 - John W. Burton	1906 - J. H. Crichlow
1861 - John W. Burton	1907 - J. H. Crichlow
1862 - John E. Dromgoole	1908 - J. H. Crichlow
1863 - James Monro Tompkins*	1909 - J. H. Crichlow



1910 - Dr. G. B. Giltner
 1911 - Dr. G. B. Giltner
 1912 - Dr. G. B. Giltner
 1913 - Dr. G. B. Giltner
 1914 - Dr. G. B. Giltner
 1915 - Dr. G. B. Giltner
 1916 - Dr. G. B. Giltner
 1917 - Dr. G. B. Giltner
 1918 - Dr. G. B. Giltner
 (Defeated 4-16-18)
 N. C. Maney (Elected
 by Commission 5-8-18)
 1919 - N. C. Maney
 1920 - N. C. Maney
 1921 - N. C. Maney
 1922 - N. C. Maney
 1923 - Al D. McKnight
 1924 - Al D. McKnight
 1925 - Al D. McKnight
 1926 - Al D. McKnight
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 1929 - Al D. McKnight
 1930 - Al D. McKnight
 1931 - Al D. McKnight
 1932 - N. C. Maney
 1933 - N. C. Maney
 1934 - N. C. Maney
 W. T. Gerhardt
 1935 - W. T. Gerhardt
 1936 - W. T. Gerhardt
 1937 - W. A. Miles
 1938 - W. A. Miles
 1939 - W. A. Miles
 1940 - W. A. Miles
 1941 - W. T. Gerhardt
 1942 - W. T. Gerhardt
 1943 - W. A. Miles
 1944 - W. A. Miles
 1945 - W. A. Miles
 1946 - W. A. Miles
 1947 - John T. Holloway
 1948 - John T. Holloway
 1949 - John T. Holloway
 1950 - John T. Holloway
 1951 - Jennings A. Jones
 1952 - Jennings A. Jones
 1953 - Jennings A. Jones
 1954 - Jennings A. Jones
 1955 - A. L. Todd, Jr.
 1956 - A. L. Todd, Jr.
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1959 - A. L. Todd, Jr.
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 1963 - A. L. Todd, Jr.
 1964 - A. L. Todd, Jr.
 1965 - W. H. Westbrooks
 1966 - W. H. Westbrooks
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 1970 - W. H. Westbrooks
 1971 - W. H. Westbrooks
 1972 - W. H. Westbrooks
 1973 - W. H. Westbrooks

*Tompkins is not usually
 included in the listing of
 mayors for reasons implicit
 in the news item carried in
 the Union Volunteer, May 20,
 1862.



THE KU KLUX KLAN

By Ben Hall McFarlin

The story of the Ku Klux Klan is one of the most colorful, as well as the most tragic, pages of American history. Its origin as a social club, its name, and its mysterious actions are interesting events to read and investigate, but the violent whippings and murders by the transformed Klan are tragedies. Many Middle Tennesseans were deprived of voting privileges; therefore, they resented the Negro's right to vote. After the Klan began its ghostly activities that frightened the Negroes, its members realized that the Klan could be made into an organization which might aid in keeping the Negroes from the polls; and thereby, defeat the Radicals in the state government.¹

On an evening in December 1865, six young men were sitting around the fireplace in the law office of Judge T. J. Jones in Pulaski, Tennessee, just off the Square on West Madison Street. These men, Captain John C. Lester, Captain John B. Kennedy, Captain James R. Crowe, Frank O. McCord, Richard R. Reed, and J. Calvin Jones were citizens of the highest standing in the community and most of them were college graduates and none of them at any time were ever accused of any offense against the law. They had all served with the Confederate Army, and after they had returned to their homes, and while they were adjusting themselves to the new conditions of life, time hung heavy on their hands.



So that on this December evening when one of them suggested that they form a club or society of some sort, the idea met with general approval.²

The name chosen for the club was KuKlox or KuKlos, a Greek word meaning "circle" or "cycle". The organizers of this club were out for fun, but it was fun of an innocent and harmless variety they had in mind at the beginning.² As the Klan grew in membership there was a change in their "fun". Most members regarded themselves as the protectors of white supremacy. Although the Klan frightened many Negroes, the white men regarded it with amusement and were eager to join.¹

The members and their initiation was secret, and their meetings mysterious. They rode their horses through town and the countryside covered with sheets, in the beginning. It pleased the members that through their superstitions, they were able to frighten the Negroes. As time evolved their uniform changed. The uniforms were made in complete secrecy. Much care was taken while the robes were being made to keep the facts from being learned by the public.²

The Klan began its activities in the political sphere when the Negroes were granted suffrage and when the loyal militia was called into effect. The legislature passed the bill granting Negro suffrage on February 25, 1867; it permitted the Negroes to vote but still excluded the ex-Confederates. These actions interfered with the rights of the southerners, and the Ku Klux Klan was the one organization which struggled to uphold these rights and privileges of which the southerners believed they were being unjustly deprived.¹

Early in 1867 the Klan changed from a social club with an absurd ritual and ridiculous regalia into a "great federation of regulators".¹ It relinquished its frivolous fun-making for the serious purpose of controlling the Negro and the carpet-baggers. The men of Middle Tennessee transformed the Klan into a regulatory organization. It sought to regain freedom for the white southerners by combating the aims of the Negroes and a counter organization called the Union League. Its members consisted mostly of former slaves and carpetbaggers.¹

The Klan became involved in politics and state government. Knowing the attitude and policies of Governor Brownlow¹ (Governor Brownlow, before the war, was an anti-sessionist. He worked during the war in the North promoting the cause of the Union. After the war he returned to Knoxville and re-established his newspaper and took up his fight against ex-Confederates and carried his fight on to the governorship), the Klansmen believed that his re-election would be disastrous to the Klan. By the beginning of the election year, the political situation was already distressing to the Conservatives and the ex-Confederates. Registration certificates had been granted to a low white class and to many ex-Confederates who had become Unionists, not because of conviction, but in order to vote. The granting of voting privileges to these people, instead of property-owners and taxpayers was an outrage to most respectable whites both Conservative and Unionists. Many sincere Unionists were not permitted to vote because they did not agree with Brownlow's policies. The Klan

did not trust Brownlow. His sympathy lay with the Union and the southerners thought that his continued rule would push the South into further ruin.¹

The Ku Klux Klan had a strong establishment in Murfreesboro. Membership was so large and bold that it drilled regularly in one of the open lots near town. The Klansmen practiced their marching and counter-marching in the fashion of a regular military company. The Klan also made public appearances in Murfreesboro through parades and similar group activities. A Nashville newspaper reported that one parade in Murfreesboro consisted of five to seven thousand. All marchers were dressed in the robes and tall pointed hats. "Some were so high that they took the slates off the roof of the new church building," the reported stated. On May 12, 1868, a report concerning a Murfreesboro parade declared, "They were all dressed in uniforms and their horses caparisoned in usual style." They commenced parading about nine o'clock and kept it up until after midnight. The Klan increased in number and extended throughout Rutherford County. On a Saturday night, February 22, 1868, about twenty Klansmen paraded through the streets of Murfreesboro. Dressed in white robes, masks, and tall hats with lights in the top of them, the Klansmen frightened the Negroes and ignorant whites. The Klansmen rode slowly through the streets, lingering in front of the houses occupied by teachers of freedmen. On the doorstep of the office of the Freedmen's Watchman, a Radical owned newspaper, the following message was left: "Prepare thyself. Your doom is sealed. We swear by our slumbering dust you shall no longer oppress your downtrodden Brothers."¹

The Klan's methods became violent. There were burnings, hangings, and whippings. These outrages did not take place in just one county, but were committed in all parts of Middle Tennessee and West Tennessee especially in Maury, Lincoln, Giles, Marshall, Obion, Hardeman, Fayette, Rutherford, and Gibson County.¹

Many of the individuals who were outraged by the Klan and many witnesses to the violence perpetrated by the Klan testified to the government. Since the Ku Klux Klan was so intensive and well-organized, many people did not believe any moral influence could dissolve the Klan.¹ George E. Judd, an agent of the Freedmen's Bureau, expressed the opinion that "Powder and Ball is the only thing that will put them down." Many people shared this view. The power of the government seemed to be the only solution for the protection of the Radicals, Unionists, and freedmen.¹

There is no way of knowing just when and under what circumstances the Ku Klux Klan was dissolved. The truth of the matter could be explained by saying that it just melted away and the process proceeded more rapidly in some sections than in others.² One of the factors which led to the final disbandment of the original Ku Klux Klan and the end of its influence, was the appearance throughout the South of groups of counterfeit Ku Klux, who used the familiar and convenient disguise as a cloak for robbery, assault, and other crimes.² Since the purpose of the Klan to reinstate disenfranchised southerners by restoring their right to vote had been accomplished, the story generally accepted

by the historians is that Nathan Bedford Forrest, the Grand Wizard of the Klan, issued a formal disbandment order and that the Klan obeyed this order and destroyed its regalia, burned its rituals and thus ceased to exist.²

¹Brenda Mack McFarlin. The Ku Klux Klan in Middle Tennessee, (1866-1869), Pages - (Preface ii), 33, 36, 41, 56, 63, 69, 70, 79.

²Nelle Roller Cohen. Pulaski History, Pages 19, 21, 22.



THE HISTORY OF KITTRELL

by Mary Hall

Kittrell is located seven miles east of Murfreesboro on Highway 70 S, which was the original Stage Coach Road from Knoxville to Nashville.

It was named for Major Marion B. Kittrell, who was born in Wilson County, July 17, 1820. He married Ellen Johnston on January 27, 1853. She was born in Wilson County, June 24, 1829, and died in the Kittrell Community, October 10, 1890.

Their daughter, Lura, married Judge W. C. Houston of Woodbury. Their children were Frank Kittrell, W. C. Jr., and Simpson Fugitt who died in Murfreesboro, October 2, 1967.

Major Kittrell served in the Civil War as a Major in General Joseph E. Johnston's Brigade.

After the Civil War, Major Kittrell left Wilson County and moved to Woodbury in Cannon County.

In 1874 he sold his property in Cannon County and purchased a tract of land on Cripple Creek in the 19th Civil District of Rutherford County. The deed was signed July 18, 1874. He lived on this farm until he died December 31, 1893. He was buried in the family graveyard near his home.

The Federal Government established a Post Office in the Community in 1884. They named it "Kittrell" in honor of one of its most respected citizens, Major Marion B. Kittrell. The

Post Office was discontinued when Rural Free Delivery was established.

(Sources: Interview with Mrs. S. F. Houston; Records from the Houston Family Bible; Sims: History of Rutherford County; Brown: History of Woodbury and Cannon County; U. S. General Services Administration; Letter from Mr. Victor Keene.

EARLY SETTLERS

Major Kittrell did not come to this community until 1874, however there were many settlers before that time.

One of the largest streams in Rutherford County is Cripple Creek. Legend tells us that a man, probably an Indian, was badly crippled from falling into the stream, and he called it "Cripple Creek." It meanders around the hills and through the valleys of this area. The rich land near its banks enticed men to settle wherever they found a spring.

Records show John Beasley bought land in the area in 1803.

Jonathan Hall paid taxes in Franklin County, Virginia in 1805, and in 1807 he bought land in Rutherford County. He had 640 acres on Cripple Creek.

Elihu Jones came from Virginia about the same time as Jonathan Hall, and was one of his nearest neighbors.

Andrew Carnahan bought land in the community in 1810.

Thomas Blair came from Virginia in 1812. He later sold his land to Henry Bowling and moved to Arkansas.

Henry Bowling continued to enlarge his holdings by buying his neighbors land. A friend said, "Henry, how much land are

you going to buy?" Mr. Bowling answered, "I just want what jines me."

Jesse Brashear, another large land owner recorded a purchase in 1814.

Alfred Conley carved the date, 1832, on the jam of his fireplace when his house was built. It is still there, and it is known today as the Uncle Dave Macon house.

David Barton Hall came to this community in 1806, with his father, Jonathan Hall. In 1818 he purchased land at the foot of Pilot Knob, the highest hill in the area, and built a log house near a large spring. He sold his home in the 1840's to his oldest son, Franklin, and with his four younger sons, Ferdinand, Fleming, Preston, and David, Jr. moved to West Tennessee. Their settlement was called "Halls", and is in Lauderdale County.

Other people known to have been in the District at an early date are verified by the Census Reports of 1810-1850 and by an 1878 map of Rutherford County.

A partial list follows--

Samuel Fulks came from Maryland and settled behind Pilot Knob.

Joseph McCrackin came from North Carolina and settled on the west side of Pilot Knob.

Robert E. Richardson, was a wagon maker and came from Virginia.

C. O. Abernathy, David Batey, G. W. Benson, J. S. Bowling, Lee Freeman, Franklin D. Hall, John A. Herrod, Keele Herrod, John Hoover, Charles Hunt who owned the south side of Pilot Knob.

Andrew and Samuel Jimmerson, Thompson McCrackin, who helped survey the stage coach road, David and Issac Parker, William H. Smith, Joseph Thompson, William W. Wilson.

David Columbus Witherspoon was a surveyor and went to Alaska when gold was discovered there. He joined the U.S. Geological Survey and helped survey the entire region. One of the highest peaks in a long mountain range was named "Mt. Witherspoon" in his honor.

(Sources: Family records, Bibles, deed books in Registrars office, Census Reports 1810-1850.)

CHURCHES

Haynes Chapel Methodist Church

In the summer of 1884, the noted Methodist Evangelist, Sam P. Jones of Cartersville, Georgia, conducted a revival in Murfreesboro. There was a large number of converts. Among them was a group of people living seven and eight miles east of Murfreesboro on the Woodbury Pike.

A movement was started then to build a church in the community. J. C. Haynes bought an acre of land from W. M. Freeman and gave it for the church. In 1887 the Haynes Chapel Church was built. The trustees were: J. C. Haynes, John Coleman, R. N. Justice, W. M. Rogers, James Weeks, John A. Collier, J. B. Palmer, and W. T. Overall.

The people in the community gave their time, labor, money and logs. The church was dedicated in August, 1887. Rev. W. M.

Rogers preached the dedication sermon. A large crowd was in attendance. There was "dinner on the ground," an afternoon and evening service, and many more were added to the church that day.

The original church was built of donated logs and lumber. The roof was handmade of wooden shingles. The windows had wooden blinds. There was an aisle on each side of the house, one for the men, the other for the women, with no middle aisle. There was a mourners bench in front of the pulpit.

A partial list of the early pastors were: W. H. Rogers, 1887; Felix W. Johnson, 1888; John R. Thompson, 1889-1890; D. S. Osteen, 1891-1892; J. W. Taylor, 1893; C. R. Wade, 1894; W. T. Walkap, 1895.

During this time fifty-five people were added to the church, and within the next few years twenty-six more were added. Mr. Dave Macon and Mr. George Cranor made up money for a church organ and Bible.

Mr. J. K. Lee was pastor from 1907-1909, and during that time he organized the first children's program.

From 1919 to 1922 Rev. H. E. Baker was pastor. While he was there the Epworth League with fifty members was organized. A new roof was put on and thirty-one new members were added.

For many years the Seventh Day Adventist Church paid two dollars and a half per month rent for use of the church on Saturday.

Due to the rotation plan of the Methodist Church conference, pastors usually serve two or three years. In 1953 Rev. O. H. Lane came back after several years absence for a second pastorate.

In 1960 the last charter member of the church, Mrs. L. D. Bowling, died at the age of eighty-nine. Some of the older members of the church living today are Mrs. Lizzie Early, Mr. and Mrs. Will Weeks, Miss Bertha Puryear, and Mrs. Lizzie Saums.

During the last few years many improvements have been made to the building. Mr. Archie Macon wired it and put in electric lights, heat has been changed from coal to gas, the floor has been sanded, new seats and pulpit furniture purchased, concrete steps have been added, and rock siding has been put on the outside.

In 1958 the members of the church built a parsonage on the lot adjoining the church and the entire area was landscaped.

Rev. Leon Harris is the present pastor, and the membership is now approximately one hundred and twenty-five.

(Sources: Mrs. Wendel Stegall, Mrs. Ruby Jennings, Mrs. Will Weeks, and Misses Mamie Sue and Lou Benson.)

Seed Tick-Hickory Grove Baptist Church

It is not known when a log house was built for a Negro church and school in the woods on the side of Tinch Hill.

It was called "Seed Tick" Baptist Church, and was the only Negro church and school in the east end of Rutherford County.

It is likely that it was built near the time of the Civil War. Alice Wright's daughter remembers her mother, who was born in 1867, telling her about walking as a child, three miles to Seed Tick school and sitting on logs for seats.

No record or remembrance has been found of the early ministers, but Mr. Frank Ferguson is remembered as being one of the early teachers. Other teachers were: Cordie Douglas, Mattie Crockett, and Frank Knight.

The log house was later torn down, and a frame building was erected at the same place.

Children came from many miles to school there until bus routes were established. Children were then taken to Woodbury and Murfreesboro.

From the beginning church services were held on the first Sunday in each month with revivals in the summer. Baptizings were conducted in Stones River below the bridge at Readyville.

Early pastors remembered were: Bro. Will Henderson, Bro. Les Womack, and Bro. George Hughes.

Elders were Zeke Brandon, Bud Brandon, and John Knight.

Deacons were Cas Brandon and Oda Brandon.

Church Mothers were Ruthy Davis who walked seven or eight miles from Bradyville and seldom missed a service and Delia Knight.

In 1938 a lot was bought near the highway at the foot of Peak's Hill and a new church was built. The name was changed to "Hickory Grove."

As they were moving into the new church, Aunt Delia Knight, who was born in 1866, said, "I wonder who will have the first funeral?" It was hers in a few weeks. Rev. A. F. Murray was the pastor. She was buried in the Helton Cemetery at the foot of Pilot Knob where most of the members have been buried.

Other members were: Oscar Bowling, Frances Bowling, Uncle Zeke Brandon's family, the John Knight family, Foster Lyon, Fannie Lyon, Hattie Lyon, Cas Swafford and family, Josh Swafford and his family, Uncle Boss and Aunt Liz Walkup and their children, Aunt Chloe Goodman, Becky Dickens, Betty Sutton, Uncle Simon and Aunt Dink Wright, Alice Wright, Granville Dobbins, and Florence and Lollie Taylor.

Within recent years the house has been improved by installing electric lights and gas heat and painting inside and outside.

Some of the present members are: Pastor, Rev. John Wiser.

Deacons: Gilbert Brandon, Jim Henry Newsom, Luther Russell.

Teacher: Andrew Dunn.

Church Mothers: Willie Swafford, Willie Bell Dunn.

Among other members are: Lawyer Brandon, Amanda Brandon, Lorelle Brandon, Anne Dunn, Aline Newsom, Jerry Newsom, Audie Robinson, Alpha Knight Robinson, Lizzie Weatherly.

(Sources: Church Record Book; interviews with Mrs. Willie Swafford, Mrs. Willie Belle Dunn, and Mrs. Alpha Robinson.)

Science Hill

Science Hill was the second Church of Christ organized in Rutherford County.

Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone came to Rutherford County in the early thirties (1832-33) and organized groups which were known as the Christian Church.

Alexander Campbell stayed in Murfreesboro, but Barton W. Stone went out into the country. He met with Andrew Carnahan

and David Barton Hall in a log house on David Hall's place. They accepted his explanation and theory of the "Back-to-the-Bible" Restoration Movement. They and their families were baptized and started the church there.

They met every Sunday for worship in that log house, and Andrew Carnahan would spend the entire day reading and studying the Bible with all who wanted to hear. They soon had a considerable congregation.

About the time of the Civil War that building burned and a larger one was built on a hill nearer the Stage Road on Franklin Hall's farm. It was also used for a school. This building burned in the 1880's, and a still larger two-story building was erected to serve as a church, school, and lodge hall.

As the school enrollment increased the curriculum expanded from reading, writing, and arithmetic to include science and several other academic areas. It was from the interest in science that it came to be called "Science Hill Academy".

Although it became the largest and most outstanding school in the eastern part of Rutherford County, it was equally well known as a Christian Church.

As the Kittrell and Readyville schools developed, Science Hill stopped being a school, but it continued to grow as a church.

The building deteriorated as the years passed, and in 1950 Mr. Claiborn Harrell offered to give an acre of ground in front of the Kittrell High School if they would move the church down there.

The offer was accepted, and the old building was torn down. Much of its material was found to be in good condition. A new, modern brick building was erected, which has rafters, joists, and sub-floor made from the old building. This became the fourth building to serve the congregation in the one hundred and forty years of its existence, and although it is now nearly two miles from the hill where it was started in 1833, the church will always be called "Science Hill."

The Bateys, Beasleys, Bowlings, Breashears, Carnahans, Craigs, Dunns, Earlys, Halls, Hoovers, Kittrells, Richardsons, Smiths, Traverses, Wilsons, Yourees, were among the early members. The fourth generation of some of these families still attend church there.

Among the early ministers were: J. L. Bryant, Jesse Sewell, F. B. Shrygley, W. H. Sutton, T. B. Larimore, E. A. Elam, J. W. Shepherd who held a meeting every other summer for fifty years. C. M. Pullias alternated with Bro. Shepherd in his last years. Science Hill never had a full-time minister until after World War II. Joe Netherland began preaching monthly in 1941 and has been the full-time minister since his military service ended in 1946.

Among the early elders were: Frederick Craig, Franklin Hall, Andy Hoover, W. H. Smith.

Elders today are: Mose Boyd, Roscoe Brown, Jim Laws, Ed Parnell, Mac Wilson, and Arthur Young.



Deacons are: Ray Donnell, Robert Adams, Fay Upton, William H. Walkup, and Gentry Whitworth.

Secretary-Treasurer: Ray Arnold.

(Source: Church records; Goodspeed's History of Tennessee.)

Wilson Hill Baptist Church

In 1850 a Baptist Church was established at the foot of a hill west of Pilot Knob owned by an early settler named Wilson.

The charter named it "Wilson Hill Baptist Church of Christ."

J. J. Jackson was the Pastor, and a record shows the charter members to be Ed Crosslin, John Cross, Jane Croslin, Mary (Polly) Cross, Rachel Burnett, Jane Mullins, and Emaline Gillum.

The church was burned with all the other records.

A new house was built in 1865 and most complete records have been kept from that date to the present time except from 1900-1913. No records are in the books for that period.

The church met in conference July, 1865, and elected Jesse Jonnigan (later spelled Jernigan) Pastor and Moderator. He held this position until 1886.

Deacons elected at that time were Henry Arnett and Thomas J. Burnett. Henry Mullins was elected Clerk. He continued to be church clerk until his death in August, 1868. At that time Ichabod Daniel was appointed to take his place.

On November 27, 1868, he wrote "I. B. Daniel this day returns this book to his beloved Brother George T. Brandon. So, farewell beloved brothers and sisters."

A letter of dismissal was given him November 28, 1868. He must have moved from the community.

George T. Brandon continued as clerk from 1868 until 1898. He was ordained a deacon in 1884.

In 1900 T. A. Jamison was the clerk, but there is no record of who followed him until 1913 when R. P. Wilson became a clerk. Others following were A. R. Hoover, Thomas Hoover, Gaither Hoover, and Mrs. Louise McElroy.

Pastors and Moderators

A Pastor was elected by the church conference to preach monthly and moderate at the business meetings.

A visiting minister was invited to assist with an annual protracted meeting, or revival, in the summer.

Among the Pastors were Jesse Jernigan (1866-1886), James Jernigan, J. W. Jamison ordained in 1890, J. E. Tassey, R. A. Taylor (1913-1965), J. T. Casey and Lester F. Shelton.

Some of the visiting ministers were Hardy Bruer, H. C. Haley, Jason Ray, J. P. Simes, H. T. Montgomery, J. W. Cooper, J. W. Anderton, W. H. Whitlock, and Marion Davenport.

Members

Complete records were kept of the members as they came into the church--by experience, baptism, or by letter. The following is a partial list of some of the early members: Henry Arnett, E. Barnes, Thomas J. Burns, Edward Croslin, John Cross, Jesse Daniel, Thurston Daniel, Henry Mullins, David Bivins, Jesse Bowlin, James Cox, A. P. Helton, Peter Helton, Thomas Herrod, Andrew Jimerson, Ed Jimerson, Marshall Pitts, and Wilson Todd.

Female members were listed separately from the male. Among them was a Negro woman named Sely Wright.

Although the house was built over a hundred years ago, it is in excellent condition today having recently been remodeled and modernized by paneling, painting, storm doors, electric lighting, and gas heat.

The present Pastors and Moderators are: W. C. Banks, Artie Roberts, and Clyde Roberts.

Deacons are: Malcolm Pitts and Charlie Bryson. Clerk: Mrs. Louise McElroy.

Delegates: Charles Bryson, Malcolm Pitts, Thurman Pitts.

(Sources: Church record books; interviews with Thomas Hoover, Mrs. Louise McElroy, and Mrs. Gaither Hoover.)

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

Captain Robert Ray Boyd

Bobby Boyd was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose C. Boyd.

He attended Kittrell Elementary School, MTSU Campus School, and Central High School, where he graduated with honors in 1959.

In May, 1964, he received a B. S. degree in chemistry from Middle Tennessee State University and Second Lieutenant rank from ROTC. He was a member of the Sigma Club, Track and Sabre Club, and the Chemical Association.

He was one of six Distinguished Military Cadets at MTSU, and he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Artillery at Fort Campbell. He completed that course in October and went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He graduated from the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course and was sent to Viet Nam in July, 1965.

On October 24, 1965, he was awarded the "Certificate of Merit in Recognition of Outstanding Performance of Duty."

On March 16, 1966, he was awarded the "Bronze Star Medal for Heroism." The citation states: "Lieutenant Boyd moved under heavy enemy fire to the platoon which was receiving the brunt of the new attack. He directed extremely accurate artillery fire upon the Viet Cong while exposing himself to the murderous fire so he could observe and direct the artillery. Disregarding the fact that the Viet Cong were directing their fire at him, Lieutenant Boyd continued to direct artillery fire for approximately five hours. His actions contributed greatly to the defeat of the Viet Cong forces. First Lieutenant Boyd's outstanding display of aggressiveness, devotion to duty, and personal bravery were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States."

Following some of the demonstrations against the war, a woman in Pennsylvania wrote a letter to the soldiers in Viet Nam, expressing her appreciation for what they were doing. Bobby answered it. Her letter and his were published throughout the army bases and the United States.

He said, "I consider it not only a duty, but a great privilege to be able to serve so that your boys may grow up in our wonderful country and enjoy all it has to offer. I am serving now, and your husband has served, in defense of our country so that we might enjoy the freedom of America. Now it is my turn to guarantee your children the same promise. May God bless you and your family."

Lieutenant Boyd was promoted to Captain in January, 1967. He was stationed at the Beinh Hoa Air Base near Saigon and was the Communications Officer for the 173rd Airborne Division.

He came home in February for the first furlough he had had. It was a wonderful month for his parents, relatives, and friends, and Bobby enjoyed every minute of it.

He was a member of Science Hill Church of Christ. On Sunday night before he went back to Viet Nam he had charge of the service. He showed slides, described the life of the people there, and told with enthusiasm some of the experiences which he had.

He signed up for another tour of duty before he came home, and on February 22 he said a happy "Goodbye" to his parents and family and returned to his base unit on February 23rd.

On May 17 Captain Boyd was preparing for a convoy when a shell from a hostile mortar round hit him. He was killed instantly.

After a military funeral, he was buried in the Coleman Cemetery on the Woodbury Road.

On July 15, 1967, the United States Army presented posthumous awards to Captain Robert Ray Boyd. The Purple Heart, which was established by General George Washington in 1782, and is presented "to heroic men who have shown gallantry and devotion in the service of his country." The Bronze Star Medal and The Air Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster were also awarded.

"Robert stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have given their lives that our Nation's goal of freedom and peace may be maintained."

Judge A. L. Carnahan

A. L. Carnahan was reared near Bradyville in Cannon County. He attended community schools and later graduated from Winchester Normal.

In 1897 he bought the David Batey farm and moved into the Kittrell Community. He soon became one of the active leaders in church, school, and civic affairs.

He was a member of the School Board for some time and was influential in getting a high school located at Kittrell. He was a member of Science Hill Church of Christ.

He was elected magistrate for the 19th Civil District and held that office for several years. In 1918 he was elected County Judge, and presided over the Rutherford County Court for some time.

Dr. Joseph David Hall

Dr. J. D. Hall, son of Franklin D. Hall and Elizabeth McCrackin Hall, spent all of his life on the farm, "Piedmont," at the foot of Pilot Knob where his grandfather, David Hall, settled in 1818. His great-grandfather, Jonathan Hall, came to Rutherford County from Virginia in 1806 and settled a few miles away on Stones River and later on Cripple Creek.

Dr. Hall was born in 1854 and grew up during the difficult years of the Civil War. As a child he walked three miles each day to and from "Pap" Huddleston's school at Readyville.

When Science Hill Academy started on his father's farm, he went to school there. The curriculum was extremely broad for those days.

The principal was a highly educated man, a graduate of Princeton University. He also had some well-educated assistants. They offered Greek, Latin, science, trigonometry, calculus, in addition to the usual subjects of English, history, and geography. He took all these subjects. He worked on his father's farm and saved his money.

When he finished school at the Academy, he apprenticed himself to Dr. A. P. McCullough at Milton for two years. In those days they called it, "Reading medicine under an old Doctor."

When he was not helping Dr. McCullough with his patients, he worked in a drug store and learned about medicine.

In 1880 he entered Vanderbilt Medical School and graduated in 1883. One of his classmates begged him to go into a partnership with him in Nashville, but he chose rather to come home and become a country doctor.

In December, 1883, he married Miss Ella Lowe. They continued to live with his mother and father.

In the early days of his practice, he road horseback with saddlebags across his saddle. He always kept good horses. "Old Joe," a sixteen hands, strawberry roan which he rode for

thirty years, was considered one of the best walking horses ever in Rutherford County. In the 1890's he began using a buggy some, and about 1914 he got a car.

His practice had a wide range from the Bradyville to the Hall's Hill Pikes, and from 1920 when the last doctor left Readyville, he was the only doctor between Murfreesboro and Woodbury. The nights were never too dark, nor the weather too bad for him to go when he was called.

He was a member of the Church of Christ, a Mason, and was active in all civic and community affairs.

He was an avid reader and was well posted on many subjects, especially on things pertaining to the medical profession. He belonged to the A. M. A., State and County Medical Associations, and served as President of Rutherford County Medical Society at one time. He was always interested in politics, and served on the County Democratic Committee.

After practicing medicine for over fifty-five years he died of pneumonia at the age of eighty-four, and is buried in the garden of his home, "Piedmont."

Uncle Dave Macon

The most widely known citizen of the Kittrell community was "Uncle Dave Macon."

David Harrison Macon was born near Smart Station in Warren County in 1870. In 1883 when he was a young boy, his parents moved to Nashville and ran the Broadway Hotel. After his father died, his mother sold the hotel in 1886 and bought the Charles Ready farm at Readyville.

In 1889 he married Miss Matilda Richardson and moved to a farm in the Kittrell community where he lived until his death in 1952. In 1901, in addition to farming, he started a wagon freight line from Murfreesboro to Woodbury. He had two wagons. Hatton Sanfrod drove one, and he drove the other until Archie, the oldest of his seven sons, was big enough to help.

They went to Woodbury one day and to Murfreesboro the next, handling and delivering materials all along the way. He knew every man, woman, and child along the twenty mile route and kept up with everything that happened. When a truck line started in 1920, Mr. Macon decided it was time to stop his wagons.

He always loved to sing and play the banjo. After the boys go big enough to help with the freight line, he had more time on his hands.

On rainy days he would take his banjo to the neighborhood store and entertain all who came by. Soon he started going to schools on Friday afternoons. School children began calling him "Uncle Dave."

It was not long until he was called on to help raise money with school programs, box suppers, pie suppers, cake walks, picnics, and all kinds of community affairs. If it were advertised that "Uncle Dave Macon" was going to be on a program, there was sure to be a crowd, for everyone loved his humor and ready wit as well as his music.

In the early twenties he played some at Lowe's Theatre. In 1924 he went to Knoxville and did his first recording.

When the "Solemn Ole Judge," Mr. George Hay, started the WSM "Grand Ole Opry" in 1925, Uncle Dave Macon became one of the first artists on the program.

During the next twenty-seven years he seldom missed a Saturday night being there. He began calling himself "The Dixie Dew Drop."

He was one of the first Grand Ole Opry artists to begin a traveling program during the week. He went all over the South--New Orleans, Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, and many small towns, also New York and other northern cities. He drew large crowds wherever he went.

He was a member of Haynes Chapel Methodist Church.

He died of pneumonia in 1952. He is buried in the Coleman Cemetery on the Woodbury Road. One hundred and twenty-five Grand Ole Opry stars contributed to the erection of a three thousand ton granite monument to his memory beside the highway on top of the hill overlooking Woodbury.

Today his name stands among the great of the music world in Nashville where a plaque has been placed in his honor in the Grand Ole Opry Hall of Fame.

(Sources: Interviews with Mr. Archie Macon and Mrs. Ruth Wood; Magazine Section, NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN.)

P. M. Puryear, Educator

Portious Moore Puryear was born in Oxford, Granville County, North Carolina, November 26, 1839. He moved with his family to Walker County, Georgia, in the early part of 1860. He soon

enlisted in the 23rd Georgia regiment Confederate Army and served until it surrendered. He was under Stonewall Jackson and in the battle when that officer received the wound that caused his death. He later joined General Robert E. Lee's regiment and was with him at the surrender of Appomattox.

He was a graduate of Princeton University. In 1867 he married Miss Margaret Gunn and came to the Kittrell community of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

In 1870 he became principal of Science Hill Academy and taught there for seventeen years. It was the only school in that part of Rutherford County. Students came from other communities and boarded to go to school there. Professor Puryear, being a highly educated man, developed a very broad curriculum. He taught Greek, Latin, higher mathematics and science. He had two or three assistants who taught the basic skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

He became a magistrate from the 19th Civil District in 1876. He took an active interest in the proceedings of the Quarterly Court and seldom missed a meeting.

He belonged to Haynes Chapel Methodist Church which he helped build in 1884 and was a faithful worker there and "a public spirited and liberal, earnest supporter of all propositions for the good of the public" until his death on November 30, 1891.

(Sources: Interviews with Miss Bertha Puryear; Family records; Copy of Resolutions passed by the Rutherford County Quarterly Court, January, 1892.)

SCHOOLS

The first school in the Kittrell-Readyville area was taught in 1810 by James Barkley, a Revolutionary soldier, who moved to Danville, Virginia, in 1833. It is not known where the building was.

Soon after that Mr. W. B. Huddleston built a log house in the corner of his yard, where Mr. Leslie Justice now lives, and started a school known as "Pap Huddleston's School."

Children walked for many miles to this school, getting there by eight o'clock in the morning when "books took up" and staying until four in the afternoon. The curriculum was entirely the three "R's".

Another school known to have been before the Civil War was in a log building at Wilson's Hill on the northwest side of Pilot Knob. It seems to have been discontinued when the war came on.

The people in the community realized that their children's education had been neglected during the war years, and a need was felt for another school.

Everybody joined together and erected a large building on Franklin Hall's farm. It became the outstanding school in the east end of Rutherford County. This was a big step forward in education as "academies" were being established throughout the state. The curriculum was expanded beyond the three "R's" to include science, Latin, Greek, higher mathematics, literature,

and history. Due to the innovation of science into the school program, the school came to be named "Science Hill Academy". It was used as a church on Sundays.

In 1870 Mr. P. M. Puryear moved into the community. He was a graduate of Princeton University. For the next seventeen years he was principal of Science Hill Academy.

He brought in as his assistants several other well educated persons. Among them were Mr. Sam Billingsley, Mr. Smith Denton, Mr. Pollard Runnels, and Miss Nannie Stanley who taught music and art.

The fame of this school spread, and students came from all neighboring communities and from far away. Several homes in the community were opened for boarding students.

This building burned, and the school moved to a new building on the hill above the mill at Readyville. This school grew and prospered for several years, but it burned down in 1902.

About 1895 the people in the Kittrell community decided another school should be started there. Mr. C. O. Abernathy and Mrs. P. M. Puryear gave the land, and a two-room schoolhouse was built.

For some time the school term in the county was only three months. Usually a subscription school would follow in the winter. After some years the community extended the term to five months and then to eight.

Some of the early teachers were: Mr. Sam Nelson, Miss Ella Pitts, Mr. Tom Jamison, Mr. Henry Barton, Miss Willie Goodloe,

Mr. Charlie Elkins, Miss Betty Hayes, Mr. S. A. Youree, Miss White Jetton, Mr. Walter Kirby, Miss Jennie Speer, Mr. Genoa Bowling, Mr. Flint Speer.

In 1909 the State Legislature passed a bill establishing four normal schools in Tennessee and a high school in every county.

Mr. Flint Speer was the principal at Kittrell. He visited leaders in the community and called a meeting of all the parents. They voted to petition the county court to build a two-year high school at Kittrell. The court granted the request provided a certain amount of money would be raised by the community. The people responded and raised the money within a few weeks. A sawmill was set up on the school grounds, and people donated logs for the framing. Ceiling, flooring, window and door frames had to be bought. It was discovered that reduced prices could be had in Nashville. Wagons and teams were donated and men drove down one day and returned the next with these building materials. People in the community donated their services.

In the fall of 1911 Kittrell opened a new high school. The first graduates in 1913 were: Esther Couch, Mary Hall, Sam Jones, Ervin McCrary, Emmett Travis, Alline Youree, and Annie Youree.

The following served as principals of the two-year high school: E. T. Stern, Flint Speer, C. F. Holt, Mr. Bryant, Clyde E. Richards, and Mr. Briar.

In 1923 Mr. Flint Speer was principal for a second time and Kittrell became a four-year high school.

In 1925 Frank Bass was principal. By this time the old frame building would no longer accommodate the increased number of pupils.

The parents launched a drive for a new building, and the present brick building was erected.

Mr. Bass served as principal from 1925 to 1927 followed by Ross Shelton, Clyde Riggs, James Woodfin, Thomas Holden, Esten Macon, David Youree, R. V. Reynolds, and Thomas Tenpenny.

It was through the efforts of Mr. Youree that Kittrell became an A grade school in 1953.

The first gymnasium was built in 1927 principally from the lumber of the old building, but it was inadequate. Again, the community spirit was demonstrated by donating \$3,000 for a larger and better gymnasium.

Home economics was made a part of the curriculum in 1922. Mrs. J. J. Northcutt was the first home economics teacher. Miss Ruby McKnight held that position for twenty-eight years.

The present agriculture room and shop were built by the county in 1948, and typing and shorthand were added to the curriculum in 1945.

A new building for the primary grades was built in 1953. Since that time seven additional classrooms and a new home economics department have been added. A new agriculture building has also been constructed.

The school now (1972) has an enrollment of 700, grades one through twelve, employing twenty-three teachers.

The high school curriculum has been broadened until it consists of four years of English; three years of mathematics; two years of typing and shorthand; one year of business mathematics and



business law; home economics; agriculture; American history; general science; biology; chemistry; psychology; sociology; civics; health and physical education.

As the school has improved, so has the mode of transportation advanced. In 1914 Mr. Ode Hoover drove the first school wagon to Kittrell. He purchased a new wagon and George Ralston constructed an overhead frame, covered it with canvas, and built benches along the sides. A black and red mule, "Tobe" and "Tige" pulled the wagon from behind Pilot Knob to Readyville and down the pike, now Highway 70 S, to Kittrell School.

Other wagon drivers were: Jim Arnett, Elmer Carnahan, and Black McGill. Craig Youree and Roy Good drove wagons down Cripple Creek Road, and Will Weeks and Powell Hall came from the Loafers Rest area.

The school was served by wagons until 1923. That year "Uncle Jack" Coleman got a stock truck for the school truck. He built seats along the sides and enclosed it with pine ceiling on hinges that could be let up and down for the comfort of the pupils in summer and winter. He drove the school truck as long as he was able.

As wagons were replaced by trucks, trucks were replaced by buses.

Since the program of consolidation came to the county, Kittrell as a four-year high school served the communities of Readyville, Halls Hill, Sharperville, Shiloh, Loafers Rest, Dilton, Murray, and Donnell's Chapel.



Five large buses, each having two routes, make two trips each day into these communities.

(Sources: Kittrell School records: School Superintendent's Office; Report for Alumni by Miss Maggie Lowe.)

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

During Governor Robert L. Taylor's administration, farmers throughout the state began asserting their rights.

In 1890 the Grange, or Farmers Alliance, was organized. They met in the upstairs room of the Science Hill Church.

It was a strong organization for several years, and practically all the farmers in the community belonged to the Grange. Among them were: David Batey, Frederick Craig, G. M. Dunn, Bud Brashear, J. D. Hall, Bud Helton, Andy Hoover, R. H. Kittrell, Jim Smith, and W. H. Smith.

Several men in the community belonged to the Masonic Lodge. Records were destroyed in a fire, but J. D. Hall and W. H. Smith were among the members.

SPORTS

Fox Hunting

One of the earliest sports in the community was fox hunting. Several men in the area had large packs of hounds. Mr. Ed McElroy had twelve. "John" and "Old Blue" were considered champions. Mr. Andy Hoover had nine hounds; among them were "Bugle" and "Trumpet". Dr. J. D. Hall was another fan. At the time of the Spanish-American

War he had two dogs and named his hounds "Dewey" and "Schley" after heroes of the war.

The area around Pilot Knob and Peak's Hill provided a very fine hunting range.

The baying of the hounds "coming 'rround the mountain" filled the night air with music to the fans.

In 1932 Harold Earthman (Doc), Broadus Maples, Wash Powers, and a few others organized the Rutherford County Fox Hunters Association.

Mr. Earthman was the Representative for the Fourth Congressional District at the time. Being a democratic person, he disliked the possibility of this association's becoming a "Gentlemen's Social Organization," as they are in England. He wanted the love of fox hunting to be the ground for belonging, rich or poor, black or white, and not one's wealth or social position.

In 1933 he suggested that the name be changed to the "One Gallus Fox Hunters Association."

Mr. Earthman had several friends in Congress who were interested in fox hunting, and being very proud of Tennessee, he decided that he wanted to show those people what a real Tennessee fox hunt was like.

In 1934 he came home from Washington and suggested to the other members of the One Gallus Association that they put on the biggest fox hunt that had ever been in the United States. The other members joined readily in his plans.

They chose the harvest moon time in October, and the area of Pilot Knob, Peaks Hill, and Craig Hollow for the hunt.

The camp was set up in Craig Hollow, and Mr. George Lassiter was put in charge of the food. He barbecued thirteen hogs and made coffee and other things in proportion. A news syndicate in Chicago announced the hunt all over the country, and people came from many areas. The Fox Hunting Magazine of England sent a reporter from London, one came from Chicago, a representative for Time, and the National Fox Hunters Association, and the state and local papers covered it.

Some of Mr. Earthman's friends from Washington, Chicago, and New York came as well as fans from all over Tennessee, and a large representation from Rutherford County. There was an estimated one thousand people there and two hundred dogs. Most of them stayed all weekend.

It was a huge success, and everyone said that there had never been such a fox hunt in the United States. The One Gallus Fox Hunters Association has a clubhouse now near Eagleville. They still have annual hunts, but never another like that one.

(Sources: Interviews with Mrs. Sam B. Dunn, Mr. Harold Earthman, and Mr. Broadus Maples.)

Baseball

Baseball was a part of the life of the community from the days of the first school, but it did not become very important until about 1911.

Mr. Flint Speer was principal of Kittrell High School at the time.

Walter Norris came home after being discharged from four years of service in the U. S. Army where he had been an outstanding pitcher on an army baseball team.



The school program at that time gave an hour for lunch. Walter came to school every day at lunch to play ball.

There was a fine group of large boys in school, and acting as coach and pitcher, Walter soon developed a champion team. They practiced in the afternoon after school and on Saturdays until a schedule of games was filled.

From that time they had no open dates during the season for the next two or three years. They played all teams in the county and surrounding areas.

It was the first time a curved ball was ever pitched in this area. Community fans followed them wherever they went. There were always big crowds. Fans went many miles to see the games.

The team went far and near to play schools, at picnics, county fairs, and on Sunday afternoons all summer.

One man from Smithville said, "I would go anywhere to see a ball game if I knew Walter Norris was going to pitch."

The members of the team were: Walter Norris, Will Early, Jesse Helton, Sam Jones, Frank Lowe, Ervin McCrary, Aubra McCrary, Walter McKnight, Orville Tilford, and Youree Perry.

Basketball

In 1923 when Kittrell became a four-year high school, basketball bounced into the school and into the hearts of Kittrell fans.

Mr. Flint Speer was the principal, and Mr. Oscar (Uncle Bud) Baskin was the coach.

On this team was one of the best players the school has ever produced, Powell Early. After playing four year at Kittrell he went to college (MTSU) and made the varsity team. Other players

during the first few years included Samuel Youree, Marcus Brandon, Maurice McKnight, Rush Palmer, Hall Woodward, Robert Abernathy, Robert Kerr, and Deward (Foots) Compton.

In 1925 Frank Bass came to Kittrell as principal and coach. The boys succeeded in going to the finals in the District Tournament for the next several years.

An outstanding girls team was developed when Miss Sadie Mae McMahan became coach. She had an excellent team in 1920 with Katie Alexander, Sarah Rion, Odell Sneed, Bertha McFerrin, Jenny McElroy, and Ruby Cates. They won both the District and Regional Tournaments.

The boys had a slump for some years, but in 1938 "Foots" Compton led the team as a great point maker with Adam DeBerry as defense man. They went to the state tournament in 1939 and broke all scoring records. Compton went on to college and was named "All American."

Mr. Jack Jarrett was the boys coach for the next few years, and Ruby Sanford, a past star, was the girls coach. She developed such good players as Elaine Milligan, Juanita Hollandsworth, Ella Jo and Marie Herrod.

Mr. Kenneth Colston became coach in 1958 and Kittrell really came into the limelight. Jimmy (Monk) Montgomery was one of the most exciting players the state has ever produced. He broke all records for the most points scored in the state. He had great help from his teammates Ben Cates, Bobby Jones, Jimmy and George Nipper.



In 1962 no coach was hired for Kittrell, and "Foots" Compton, a former star, gave his time to come and coach the boys. He developed another winning team.

Bob Burden became coach in 1963. He had a record of 190 wins and 74 losses in the next nine years. Better things began to happen for the Kittrell girls when Ben Cates became their coach.

In 1971 they went to the state tournament for the first time, having won the county tournament, second place in both district and regional tournaments and first place in the sub-tournament. The leading scorer in the state was Connie Vance. She had splendid help in Jo Love and Emma Newsom.

The Kittrell girls finished the 1972 season with 28 wins and 3 losses. They were runners-up in the district tournament and winners of the regional and sub-state. They went to the state tournament for the second consecutive year and were rated one of the finest teams in the state. Members of the team were: Connie Vance, Sandy Vance, Stella Milligan, Gale Robinson, Jean Lynch, Brenda Eaglen, Debbie Duke, Emily Vance, Dannette Duke, Claudia Hollandsworth, Kahty and Cindy Tolbert. They did credit to the school.

Coach Cates and all the Kittrell fans had great hopes that they would win the tournament. They had defeated every team they played except Gallatin. They easily won their first rounds in the tournament but were defeated by the strong Lewisburg team which won the tournament.

Connie Vance was recognized as the best player in Rutherford County history. Her jersey, No. 33, has been retired along with

"Monk" Montgomery's, No. 43. She was the leading scorer in the state in 1972 and was chosen by the Nashville Banner as being the Most Valuable Player in the state.

1972 ended forty-nine years of basketball for Kittrell.

There have been many thrilling moments, close games, exciting wins, comparable losses, and tournament champions during these years.

Good coaching has been demonstrated, sportsmanship has been shown, and great players have been developed to linger in the memory of the players and fans as Kittrell High School comes to a close.

(Sources: Mr. Joe Cates, Kittrell School Records.)

GENERAL STORES

There were two stores in Kittrell. They were on opposite sides of the road. Mr. Burgan Jamison and Mr. Billy Smith had a store on the north side of the road for several years, but closed some time before the other one did.

Across the road a few yards from the blacksmith shop was Mr. Lewis Bowling's store.

In 1884 the U. S. Government established a Post Office at Kittrell. They put it in Mr. Bowling's store and appointed him Postmaster.

Both stores were the typical general country store with pot-bellied stoves, J. P. Coats thread, cracker barrels, nail kegs, pins, domestic and calico, smoking and chewing tobacco, sugar, salt, coffee, and all commodities to meet country people's needs.

The Post Office was closed when Rural Free Delivery was established. Route #5 came out from Murfreesboro. The store continued in operation until Mr. Bowling became ill in 1923. He died in 1925.

INDUSTRIES

Blacksmith Shop

One of the best blacksmith shops in this part of Rutherford County was at Kittrell. It was run by Mr. Jack and Mr. Will Coleman. In addition to shoeing horses, "Uncle Jack," as he was called, could fix anything.

Mr. Will lived some distance from the shop, but Uncle Jack lived "just a stone's throw" from the shop in the tollgate house.

From the early days of the stage coach road, which later was called a "turnpike", until the state took it over, a tollgate was placed about every five or six miles.

The first one out of Murfreesboro was where Mercury Boulevard now runs into Highway 70. The second one was at Kittrell, a third one just above Readyville, and a fourth one was just below the bridge at Woodbury.

A house was built with a porch reaching the road. A long log would be put across the road about four feet from the ground with a rope on one end which could be fastened to a post on the porch. The other end rested on a frame and had weights on it which would make the pole go up when the rope was unfastened.

A toll was charged of 5¢ for horseback, 10¢ for buggies, and 15-25¢ for wagons according to the load.



Mrs. Coleman ran the tollgate during the day when Uncle Jack was in the shop and he took care of it at night, and thus they were able to keep up with where everybody went.

The first tourist who came up the road in a car ran into the tollgate and smashed his windshield. As long as Uncle Jack lived he enjoyed telling about the "cussin out" which that man gave him for having a pole across the road.

Uncle Jack could fix anything from a clock to a steam engine. They made plows, wagons, hoes, rakes, and any other kind of tool used on the farm.

When the state highway changed the road the tollgate and blacksmith shop were done away with. Mr. Will began farming and Uncle Jack drove the school wagon.

Sorghum Hill

As soon as "frost was on the pumpkin," and leaves began to turn, people started stripping their sorghum cane and bringing it in great wagon loads to Mr. Pitts' sorghum mill.

Mr. M. E. Pitts owned a farm on the banks of Cripple Creek. He grew the usual corn, cotton, wheat, and a large patch of sorghum. He built a mill to grind his cane under a big oak tree between his house and the creek.

The mill consisted of a grinder which was turned by a pole to which a mule was fastened. He went in a circle around the mill and furnace.

A large pan, several feet long, caught the juice as it was ground out in the mill. The pan extended over a furnace which was kept hot by a wood fire underneath. After the juice was



squeezed from the cane the remaining pulp, called "chawings," was put in a big pile near by. Farmers frequently took it home to feed cows, and children loved to play on it.

It took several hours to cook the juice "down" to molasses; therefore, the cooking lasted until in the night. As it was done in the season of the harvest moon, the nights were usually pretty and bright. It was one of the interesting entertainments for the young people of the community to go to the sorghum mill in the evenings with their buttered biscuits for the first taste of the sweet syrup.

Later in the year, molasses candy pullings, helped many evenings pass happily for the young people.

People came for miles with their jars, jugs, and kegs to get Mr. Pitts molasses. The sorghum mill was discontinued when he died in 1913.

Weaving

Mrs. John Sanford, called "Miss Sine" by her family and friends, had a hand loom in her home. For many years she wove blankets, carpets, rugs, and linsey cloth for people in the community and neighboring areas.

One afternoon in the spring of 1911 after a hard rain and thunder storm, her husband came home from the field and found her lying in the road in front of the house. She had been killed by lightning.

Weaving is still being done in the community. Mrs. Lizzie Saums has a loom which she has used for many years. She helped



her mother and grandmother thread their loom when she was a child, and when they were not looking she shot the shuttle across. As soon as she was tall enough to reach the treadle, they taught her to weave and she has been doing it ever since. She does custom weaving of rugs and carpets at her home on Mt. Herman Road where she has lived all of her life.

LANDMARKS

The outstanding landmark in the Kittrell-Readyville communities is Pilot Knob.

It is said by Dr. Edward Baldwin, geographer for many years at Middle Tennessee State University, to be the highest point in Tennessee east of the Mississippi River until the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains in Cannon and Warren counties.

No one knows who named the hill "Pilot Knob." It was called that when the first settlers came to the area. They said that the Indians had used it as a guiding point, a lookout place, and a smoke signal station. It can be seen for an area of twenty or more miles in every direction.

During the Civil War the North and South considered it of sufficient importance that they had several skirmishes in the area to get possession of the hill. One of the armies built a "lookout" up in a large tree which stayed there until after 1920. It was used as a signal station, and with a telescope one could see a distance beyond Murfreesboro. It was a very important point when the battle of Stones River was fought.



For many years it provided a recreation area for hunters and youth in the community. The south side of the Knob has always been covered with grass and used as pasture. People frequently entertained visitors by taking them up to view the landscape which was especially magnificent in the fall and spring.

One day some bright youngsters took some wide planks and nailed a foot rest on one end. They took them up to the crest of the hill and rode down on the planks. From that day for a long time to come it became one of the chief recreations for the young people to go to the Knob on weekends and ride down the "shoot-to-shoot" on the south side.

The east, west, and north sides had some tillable land and a lot of woods which provided hunting grounds for all kinds of animals. Boys made their money during the winter months hunting and trapping coons, opossums, polecats, and foxes whose homes were in the woods.

At one time Mr. Bob Lytle had a famous peach orchard on one side of the Knob, and people came for miles for the choice fruit.

One of the best Girl Scout camps in Tennessee, Piedmont Camp, is at the foot of Pilot Knob and serves girls from Rutherford and surrounding counties.

FOLK LORE

Thomas Blair came from Virginia and settled on Cripple Creek. His daughter, Elizabeth, married Jonathan Hall's oldest son, David Barton Hall. She died in 1815 when their son, Franklin Donald was born.



Thomas Blair sold his land to Henry Bowling and moved to Arkansas. David Hall and his young son, Franklin, went with them. He soon decided to come back to Tennessee.

On the way he stopped at a trading post and left the little boy with the horse. It took him some time to purchase the food and supplies he needed. When he came back to his horse, Franklin was no where to be seen.

After searching all over the area, a traveler came along and said that he had seen a little white boy in an Indian camp some miles away. They had kidnapped the child and had taken him to their camp. David rode in agony as fast as he could, but it took some time for him to find the camp.

All his fears were allayed when he got there and saw a very happy little boy having a grand time standing on a stump dressed as a little Indian chief with the braves dancing around him singing a song.

After assuring the Indians that he was the child's father and that he had not been abandoned, then laden with gifts, Franklin and his father bade the Indians good bye and were soon again on their way home.

The experience remained a pleasant memory of his childhood which Franklin loved to tell about as long as he lived.



BOOKNOTE:

Historic Cane Ridge and Its Families, a 1973 publication by Mrs. Lillian Brown Johnson, is due to come off the press late this year. It is listed in the Library of Congress under No. 73-85673. The price is \$20 plus \$1 for tax and 75¢ for mailing and handling.

This is a combined history and geneological records of the early settlers of District 6, Davidson County. The work was begun by Mrs. Johnson when she started research to complete an application for her husband, Buford Boyd, to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

She contacted residents of the area and found so many of those presently living that knew their families had lived in the area of the Cane Ridge Presbyterian Church for several generations, and they were interested in knowing more of the history of the early settlers, so she continued her research until she has completed a 450-page book containing over 1500 surnames and hundreds of given names. The book contains church as well as family records and is sure to be of interest to all who have been a part of this area of our state. There are descendants of seventeen Revolutionary Patriots, such as Austin, Baker, Boaz, Gray, Johnson, Peay, Gambill, Thompson, and others.

The book is indexed and contains over one hundred pictures.

It is being printed by Blue and Gray press, and it will be available from the writer, a resident of Smyrna.

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